Nevins, September 5.

Thank you for the missing chapter, as well as for your letter. I have waited a little while before writing, because I wanted to be able to say something about it. "Lorna Doone" is so dear to me that I was afraid of being disappointed! When it came I think I had an ungenerous hope that no "rough copy" of the missing chapter could be found. However it soon turned up, and I have been waiting week after week to feel strong enough to attack it. I have a most intense dislike to reading over my old compositions when once they are out of my hand. They always seem so unsatisfactory. And it was just the same with this. I thought I could not bear to see it in print, and was glad it was lost; however since I knew you wish it

I did not quite dare to refuse it, and having made a few changes I asked my consent to read it to my dear friend Dr. W. A. P. Martin who has been spending the summer with us. After reading it he wrote me the following little letter.

"The reading of your paper on the home life of missionaries has afforded me a real pleasure.

The bright and forcible style in which your views are set forth is sure to find readers; but their truth is not their chief merit. They are judicious, well balanced, and pervaded by a lofty spirituality.

So fully indeed do my views accord with yours that I do not see anything to dissent from, and nothing to add unless it be a reference like the following. Rev. "One of the saddest instances of mistaken asceticism is that of the eminent Dissenting Rev. W. C. Burns, who fell a victim to false notions of economy. He is in fact reported to have said during his last illness that if he recovered he would change his mode of life."

Not only has your own house a happy example of homelife during the life of my sainted friend Dr. Nevius, but I am delighted to see that you continue to keep open doors and to carry on more than one branch of missionary activity."

Of course Dr. W. Speer I can't help knowing that Dr. Martin is mistaken in thinking that my paper "is pervaded by a lofty spirituality." I wish it were. But I am glad of his good opinion and it gives me some confidence to hope that I have not so entirely missed the mark" as I feared. So I send it herewith. The rough draft has been destroyed. I wish it were a thousand times better. But such as it is I send it to you with the hope and prayer that God will use it for His own glory, perhaps long after I am no longer in this world.

Thank you very much for saying you would be glad to see me in your delightful home. That would indeed be a great pleasure but I hardly expect to realize it, as I do not think I shall ever return to the U.S. However I may change my mind and very likely should if I

should find myself unable to work. Your little Eleanor must now be about four months old — only that, — so it is not too late to send you congratulations on her arrival, together with warm love to her mother. We are so pleasantly reminded of her long now and then by the magazines which come in the mail. Please give her best thanks for them. Miss Bainbridge sends you both her kindest regards. Wm and Wm Wright of Wingfo are spending the summer with us. They are nice bright young people. Two daughters of Dr. Timothy Richard are also spending a month with us. Dr. Martin left yesterday for Mr Change. He is such a very interesting man, and though as outspoken as ever so superior to other people, and I think is some more agreeable than formerly: is it not a nice way of growing old?

With always kindest regards
your aff. friend Helen S. C. Nevius.

Nevins, Helen May 28, 1906

My Dear Mr. Robert Speer.

Should you care to know which sentences, - or rather lines, - or thoughts, - I don't quite know what to say - have been almost the most helpful to me of all which you have written; - and I think will be so to others? Well, they are these. "Studies in the Gran Chaco Lessons" page 162, beginning at the 7th line from the bottom, on to end of the paragraph. And the other on page 180 fourth line from the bottom "to come into the possession of a." just that one sentence, - so entirely true, and so perfectly expressed! Both of these recur to my mind very often when I find myself dwelling on the subjects of Love, and of Faith. I think there is or formerly was much defective teaching on both. We were told that it was entirely impossible to force

ourselves to love God, or any body else. While at the same time to love as you say commanded to love. I so well remember the abject helplessness I used to feel. In part I suppose from not understanding what was meant by the word love. And it was the same with the command to believe. I was born with a tendency to doubt, — a kind of agnostic I fear. While I think many people can more sincerely longed for faith. If some one in my own earliest days had said to me something like what you have said on pages 180 and 181 it might have done me world of good. Still it is quite possible that I was told just that, but the time had not come for me to take it in — I only thought it might encourage you in your work of writing and thinking for other people to know how good and helpful one person found what you have said.

Yours sincerely

Helen E. Keyes

Nichols, Florence L.

53 Arlington Street.

Lynn, Massachusetts.

13 October 1909.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,

Dear Mr. Speer:

When I read your sketch of Miss Isabella Thoburn, in 'Servants of the King', I felt that you would be glad to see the sketch of Lilavati Singh published by the Women's Board of the Methodist Church.

In my friendship of fourteen years with Miss Singh, I was much impressed with the tendency of her spiritual thought toward Western forms of expression. I fear this is

very vague, but you may find my thought expressed more clearly in the book I am sending you.

Mrs Smith used your books = 'Christ Jesus', 'Paul', and 'Acts' more than any other Bible helps. The more emotional type of books did not appeal to her.

Hoping that the little book may in some measure reveal Mrs Smith's character, I am

Yours truly,

Horace L. Nichols.

Ninde, H.S.

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Mr. Robert E. Speer,

New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Speer:-

We sent you, I think it was Monday afternoon and after ascertaining by telephone that you were in your office, the proof of your introductory chapter to Dr. Trumbull's "How to Deal with Doubts and Doubters". Not hearing from you we began to question whether the package reached you and thought best to write you regarding it. Kindly let us know if it is all right.

Yours truly,

H. S. Ninde

Mailed May 9th

Norman, A.E.

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February 29th, 1908.

R. E. Speer, Esq.,
New York.

Dear Mr. Speer,

At the request of my Council and the Conference Committee, I am writing to ask whether it will be possible for you to be in England the beginning of next July, on which date we are holding our Annual Conference. You will see by the heading of this letter paper that we are calling it an "International" one; this is in view of the Pan-Anglican Congress to be held in June, followed by the Lambeth Conference of Bishops, the former will doubtless bring a good number of laymen from the States, among whom may possibly be various Brotherhood men and the latter undoubtedly bringing a large number of your Bishops.

I am now happy to extend to you a hearty welcome of my Council who would esteem it a favour to be allowed to offer you hospitality at Oxford during the time of the Conference, and trust it will be possible for you to be with us.

For the purpose of holding the Conference we have secured the whole of Keble College, in which all the delegates will be put up, thus ensuring a close bond between those attending.

It will be an enormous gain to us and to the work in England if you not only are able to so time your visit as to be with us but also give us the benefit of hearing an address from you. In which case the programme Committee would at once communicate with you as to the question of subject.

We shall greatly appreciate an early reply.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A E Norman

General Secretary.

My dear Mr Speer

Miss Eastman in prayers this morning commented upon giving one's life for another and beautifully referred to your noble work for others. If I thought that ever for a moment in your work, you had a suspicion of discouragement, I should now feel it my duty to give in full all the expressions of cheer, praise, and encouragement —

wholly out of the line of ordinary comment - which I gathered both from faculty and girls after your service.

Now, all want you to come to us next year, so let us trust that nothing prevents.

Meantime we wish you God-given success in all your various appointments.

Personally, let me thank you for accepting my request. Please accept the inclosed check as a slight expression of our gratitude.

Very truly yours, for

H. Austin

Olphant, F Murray

F. MURRAY OLYPHANT,
~~21 CORTLANDT~~ STREET,
NEW YORK.

November 27, 1906.

Dear Mr. Speer:-

The inclosed clipping is from a recent issue of the Sunday School Times. I was attracted to it by the quotation from your book. It struck me as peculiarly applicable to our church, and I was strongly impressed with the idea of what a spiritual resurrection there might be in the church if the writer of those words would only take the initiative in giving practical effect to his views in a place that is sadly suffering from chronic spiritual atrophy.

Kindly return clipping at your convenience.

Yours very sincerely,

F M Olyphant

To

Robert E. Speer,

156 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City.

Parker, Mary A.

Podersin, Anton

Mr. Robert Speer
D. of Laws.

I have in my hand your book "Christianity and the nations."
Will you allow me to translate it in Danish and on which conditions?
I have just finished the translation of H. Zwemer.

Islam, a challenge
"to faith."
In the service of Christ
Rev. Anton Pedersen
Aarborg, Denmark.
8/9 10.

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Robert E. Speer, Esq.

156 Fifth ave., New York city.

Dear Mr. Speer:-

I was greatly impressed with your statement at Holy Trinity respecting the South American situation. Will you take it in good part if I make three suggestions for your consideration in case you deal with the same question again during the L. M. M.?

1. I think that in every city Romans and Greeks should be invited to participate in the L. M. M. Whether they come or not, every address should be made as if delegates from those Churches were present. This does not mean that consideration for them should lead to a tempering of your statement: but it does mean that you should (in my judgment) speak upon the assumption that all right-minded Christian people, whatever their Church connection, will agree with you if the facts are once established. In other words, I suggest that you should appeal both to Romanists and non-Romanists instead of seeming to appeal to non-Romanists against Romanists. Otherwise, the great bulk of your hearers go away with only a dim realization that you have been making an argument for missions to South America but with a very distinct impression that you have poured hot shot into the Roman Catholic Church. I do not overlook what you said about that Church in this country; but it seems to me that you ought to go still further in the direction of assuming an agreement upon their part with your arraignment---provided, of course, your facts are proved.

2. It seems to me that the statement would not lose force if, in

one particular, it were more judicial. I suggest that it would be well to say, in so many words, that if in such an environment a non-Roman Church had been for 400 years in exclusive and unchecked possession of the field, no one can say but that the conditions today would be just as bad as they are.

3. In referring to the subject of Mariolatry, would it not be well to guard against the possible criticism of erring on the side of too little reverence for the Mother of Our Lord? Could you not really strengthen your statement by pointing out that true respect for her requires a protest against that which would be the cruelest possible wound to her humble and loyal heart? And could not the reference to the debased art in the churches be made more effective---not by implying an entire lack of sympathy with the portrayal of the escetic side of Our Lord's character, but by protesting against the omission of the chief emphasis on His manliness and virility?

Please attribute this letter---not to a spirit of petty criticism, but to a sincere admiration for you and your work and a deep interest in the L. M. M.

Faithfully yours

R E Speer

Pepper, G. W.

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Robert E. Speer, Esq.
156 Fifth ave., New York city.

Dear Mr. Speer:-

I knew that you would take my letter in the spirit in which it was written. There are so few of whom this assumption can safely be made! Please do not suppose that I doubt your statistics. I had in mind the proof of them to the satisfaction of adherents of the Papal Church. As you point out, however, it will be hard for them to go behind the official figures.

Faithfully yours

G. W. Pepper

Perry, Me. Aug. 11. 1898

My dear Mr. Speer:

Yours of July 28 has been forwarded to me, together with a copy of "The Wrestler". I think there must be some mistake about the need of securing my consent, as the Atlantic has no claim upon the verses, as far as I know. My impression is that the Scribners have issued a volume of poems by this author.

Sincerely
Yours
Bliss Perry

Robert E. Speer

THE WRESTLER.

by Martha Gilbert Dickinson.

The New Year comes - not like the Child of glory
To vanquish sin by helpless innocence;
No wise men kneel adoring at his manger,
No virgin breast his tender providence.

A wrestler from out Time's stormy mountain,
Unbidden he comes - across the eastern hills;-
Her grief, her hate, her victory await him -
His flying track the old year snow-flake fills.

Far spent the night of hoary shepherds dreaming:
Arise O prostrate worshippers, arise!
Mark ye with joy the shining feet approaching;
O sons of men, lift up courageous eyes!

Thy naked thigh, anointed, is it supple?
Gird up thy loins! Art thou Daniel shod?
Gauge well the lusty sinews of the stranger -
A wrestler coming forth to thee from God!

Fling thou upon him! Waste no moment's vantage,
Loose not the straining purpose of thy thrust -
Let not thy fist relax to old temptations,
Nor faint from consciousness that thou art dust!

Wrestling for peace, for country, love and honor -
Wrestling alone - in combat for thy soul -
This be thy cheer should dawnlight worst or bless thee,
Another challenge meets thee at the goal.

Peterson, William R.

San Luis Potosi January 18th 1904

Revd. Robert E. Speer

New York

My very dear Mr Speer:

It was very good and loveable of you to think of me in my affliction and trial, writing me such an affectionate letter full of sympathy as does yours of 6th inst, but it was just like you and I now beg to tender you my sincerest thanks for all this warm, true Christian loving kindness.

As you well say wringing the blood of the failure of this house, where I have been at work for 41 years was a fearful ordeal for me and Satan also got behind me with his temptations to get me away from the scene of action. Thanks be to the Lord that I could also answer him: "It is written" and so yesterday I could in the Chr. Endeavor Society tell my fellow Endeavorers, practically how I had become a Victor in the fight with the help of Him, who was tempted like us in all things. Thanks God the Father for His great gift of His only begotten Son to save and redeem sinners like myself from all evil.—

I am sorry to say that as the affair has gone into the Courts, the outlook for a liquidation is a very bad one and many months may pass yet before my responsibility ceases. I have a sure prospect to build up something new if I could get away from here to England or Ireland, but I am not at liberty to leave the Country before everything is settled satisfactory or a year has elapsed without further difficulties. Why poor Creditors how badly they will be treated through this kind of a settlement.

Of course I must look out for work and the dear friends Wallace & Williams are trying to help me also Mr. Brown, and as I know that our Father will not forget or forsake me, my Confidence to succeed is not for a moments mistaken. As to your remarks of help to the Wheeler Cause I do not deserve them for I have not

Encourage Brother Gamble & Co. to go for it. Pray for success & blessing. Yours in Christ Jesus

William R. Peterson

Yours very sincerely
Wm R Peterson

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My Dearly Beloved "Rob"

I suppose I must now write "Dr Iglen" but it seems odd and ceremonious, though no one would rejoice more than I when honor is paid to one to whom so much is due.

But I took up my pen to say that among all our Jubilee letters none have us more genuine and inspired joy than your letter. You have been more like a son to me or a younger brother for many

years. We have counted you as "one of us" and my children all so regard you. But I did not know that any address of mine had any such vital connection with your spiritual life. To know this makes it worthwhile to have lived. I thanked God not without tears of joy. We all rejoice in your usefulness. Every new step upward in holiness and service gives us new satisfaction and awakens a new gratitude.

Most lovingly Yours

Arthur T. Pierson

(Pierson) Delaven

1518 Pacific St
Brooklyn
June 4 1911

Dear Rob.

This again
Compliments and Sympathies
to mother and all of
us to know that you will
be with us at the services
on Tuesday. We appreciate
it especially for we know how
busy you are. The services
will be at the Church at 4 P.M.

He has asked Dr Lovett and he has accepted) to speak as representing British Quakers and to deal with the testimony to the Gospel and Bible study and if you will - we thought that you might be speaking the missionary message as so near to Father's heart. This is only a suggestion. All we want to avoid

Northern Ave & D'Ron St.
You know how to reach
there.

Dr Curran is to read
the Scripture & Dr. Shearer
probably will offer prayer.
Dr. Jocelyn will be the only
one to speak besides yourself.
Father desires no eulogies or encomiums
but he wants the services
used as a testimony to
Christ and his Gospel.

is Eulogies on the man, no matter how much he deserves them — and we want to direct attention to the Lord and His work.

I am sure you understand although I am so tired, this is not clearly expressed.

Ever your friend

V. E. Lovell

If you let me know when & where we will be glad to send a carriage

MAHLON PITNEY,
COUNSELOR AT LAW.

Pitney, Mahlon

MORRISTOWN, N. J. Jan. 9th, 1901.

Rev. A. W. Halsey,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My Dear Halsey;-

I have your favor of 8th inst. concerning the local option bill. You omitted to inclose a copy but I have seen a copy already. I should like to be able to agree with you in everything that you think would conduce to the good of the people, but in this instance I think I shall have to dissent. We had a very unfortunate experience with our experiment in local option which was tried some years ago. It did no good whatever for the cause of temperance, but on the contrary strengthened the hands of the saloon-keepers' element by fixing the democratic party in control of the state for years and that party was notoriously in league with the forces which make against temperance. Those who believe as I do that the interests of the state are better conserved by the continued ascendency of the Republican Party than by a return to democratic control will be very reluctant to attempt any experiment which might and probably would have the effect of losing the state to the Republicans at the next and ensuing elections for years to come, and although we should establish local option it would probably be repealed by the first democratic legislature. Believing as I do

that the local option measure has no chance of success I deprecate the agitation of the subject at the present time.

I note what you say about the fund for the '79 memorial and as to this beg to say that I wrote Wilder some months ago that I would not be able to tell him what my contribution would be until on or after the first of January . My affairs are not yet in such a shape to put me in a position to tell what I can do , but I will drop in and see Wilder about it at the first opportunity .

Yours very truly,

Mahlon Pitney

Pittman, Charles R.

COPY.

Tabriz, Persia, July 13th, 1908.

My dear Mr. Speer:

I have recently returned from a spring tour to the East and south of the lake, lasting from April 22nd to June 29th. Although Urumia, SoujBulok, Salmas and Ardabil were very much disturbed, this part of the country was quiet, and I was able to visit Maragha, Miandrob, Sam Kala, Tikan Tappa and Takhte Suleimen - all of these places I think you have seen, except the last mentioned.

I took with me Br. Gazazian, our evangelist in Old City, Salmas. He had not seen this part of our field, and said the tour did him much good. His knowledge of Arabic and ability to quote from the Koran (though the Koran was not the subject of our preaching) was very useful in securing respectful attention to the Gospel message.

As the farmers in the small villages are busy in the fields at this time of year, we found more opportunities in the larger towns where there are bazars. The subject of our preaching on this tour was, admitting that we have broken God's law and are sinners, and that our hearts are evil; how are we to find forgiveness of sin and cleanse hearts? We asked the Moslems everywhere this question and set them to thinking on this subject, and showed them the unsatisfactoriness of their answers, and then preached Christ as the perfect Savior both from the penalty and power of sin.

In Maragha and Sam Kala, we had earnest conversations with followers of the late Gabeer Aga of Maragha. They, like the Bahabees emphasize the new birth by which one becomes partaker of the divine nature. After receiving the new birth he may progress to any extent in the divine life. He may become all that Christ was and thus become God in the sense that He is God, may be able to foretell the future, work miracles, etc. One who has received the new birth may impart to others as one may light a candle from the lighted candle of another. In order to receive the new birth, he must undergo a process of physical privation by diminishing gradually the amount of food and sleep and by thinking continuously upon one subject. They give the title God to Gabeer Aga which of course, is very repulsive to orthodox Moslems.

The Armenian bishop from the monastery Thaddaeus near Baku was in Maragha and we exchanged friendly calls with him.

We find the evangelical Armenian paper, "Good News" published in Baku, Russia, is being read and much liked by Armenians here and promises to be an effective means for enlightening them.

We had the joy of seeing a professed sceptic in Maragha receive Christ as his Savior and rejoice in a new peace and joy. He is an Armenian physician from Bitlis, Turkey. He has begun to bring his family to the meetings, and we are praying earnestly and hopefully that he may be enabled to overcome the many difficulties that confront him and become and example of the power of salvation.

When we were talking with a young Armenian and lamenting the fact that many had become skeptical, he replied, "We have only one real infidel in Maragha and that is Dr. Jalalian." This doctor is now giving a testimony on the other side.

One Sunday evening in Sam Kala, we received a call from two Kurds, one of whom has a brother studying in Berlin, taken there by the German missionary, Mr. von Ertzen. After they left, our audience consisted of three Moslems and three Jews who had evidently come to argue. First the Moslems tried to get up a discussion between us and the Jews. But not succeeding, I proposed that as we represented three different religions, each one should give the ground of his hope of the forgiveness of sin. The Jew said that they were great sinners, but that they observed the fast and prayer and gave alms, and then left it to God whether He would forgive them or not. The Moslem said that his

hope was based on the fact that whoever loved their prophet would be forgiven through his mediation, but the other Moslems did not accept this answer but said that they must obey the Koran, and then confessed that they had not done so. Then we told them of our hope of the forgiveness of sin, and they went away without any discussion. When we returned to Sam Kala from Tikan Tappa, one of those Moslems came back and said he had gone home that evening and read the Gospel of Matthew and brought up three objections; one was Christ's teaching about divorce, another that Christ taught uncleanness in speaking against the washing of hands, and the third that he did not believe that a voice from heaven ever said, "This is my beloved Son." We had some discussion, but I was glad that our former conversation had stirred him up to read.

While in Tikan Tappa we called on the governor of that region and Sam Kala in his village. We presented him with a nicely bound Persian New Testament, a tract by Dr. Tisdall entitled "Invitation to Moslems to examine the Christian Scriptures"(which I like very much) and a sketch of Dr. Cochran's life in Persian. He was very much pleased with them, having known Dr.Cochran and expressed great admiration for him, and spoke highly of all our missionary work, saying that we had come here with the philanthropic motive of guiding men to the truth and bringing to them the greater blessings which we possessed, and therefore were worthy of great honor and gratitude. We went at nine o'clock for a call, but he kept us for dinner and sent a horseman to escort us back to Tikam Tappa and also sent a letter to the head man there to show us honor while there and escort us out of the town when we wished to leave and to send a horseman with us the first day's journey. This many upon receiving the letter came to see us. When we left there we sent him a New Testament and thanked him for his kindness and asked him not to trouble to send a horseman with us as we were going a very short distance the first day. When we passed through the first regular stopping place after leaving Tikan Tappa, we were told that the governor had sent a letter there saying we were coming there and that they should show us honor.

In Miandoob, we called on the Farman Farma, great grandson of Fath Ali Shah and husband of the sister of the present Shah. He said he had read some of the New Testament, but did not have one with him, and if I had one to give him he would be very thankful. I had disposed of all I had but told him I would mail him one from Tabriz. Learning that we were preachers, he told us to come Sunday to the Armenian Church and preach to the Armenians in his village. But we went to the Armenians of another village on Sunday.

I found a good demand for tracts and gave away all the Scriptures and tracts I had before my journey was ended. I sold one New Testament to a Moslem. I believe this is a good time to "flood the country" with Christian literature.

Others will write to you about the conditions in Tabriz. It looks as though the Shah will succeed in putting down the rebellion for the present as the Russian Consul is openly supporting his side. We must be ready for whatever opportunities the changes may bring. But if the Shah escapes assassination he will be fortunate. A brother and cousin of the young man whom Dr. Wilson took to America and put in the Boston Academy are supposed to be on their way from Beirut to the Academy. The one there, A.B.Musa, enters Lafayette in the Fall. His father's house has been looted during the disturbances here the past weeks. Mr. Doty has returned from Urmia. We are all well. Mrs. Pittman joins me in sending kind regards.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Chas. R. Pittman.

For your leisure (?)

Found (?) J. Albert A.

Boston, Aug. 6, '03
Home address "Gill,
Franklin Co.,
Mass.

Dear Robert:

When your former articles appeared, on the Twentieth Century Christian, we were especially pleased, and since our unexpected meeting at Northfield last month I longed to write to you. If you take time to read this I will be gratified and not require acknowledgement, as you have a mass demanding answer. Your former favors I still cherish.

When our Secretary Aiden had retired from the missionary

board in failing health, he received so many expressions of endearment, that his wife asked my father if men wrote love letters among themselves.

Well then, this is a new avowal of the love unchanging that I have for you, above all others outside the family circle.

We all need the ministry of mutual prayers, not excluding the strongest whose temptations are peculiar.

You have been kept from Moses' sin of saying "We" — "God and I." For you, as for me, I pray that we may pass through this world so filled with the vision of the King in his beauty, that any flattering mention of ourselves would be nauseous mentally, a shock, and any just praise be among our least pleasures.

Yours on the habit of holiness is fine. As it is nervous torture for the habituated victim of nicotine to renounce what many loathe, so too, for example, the man of habitual, uncompromising continence is really free and strong whether called "ascetic" or not, rejoicing, through the years, in unbroken physical vigor and intellectual increase, also the deliberate father of such.

But I must not trespass
on your minutes further.

Yours as ever,

Albert H. Plumb, Jr.

Apartado 404
Caracas Venezuela
Aug 30. 1906

Mr & Mrs Robert E Speer.

Dear friends.

It is with much sorrow that we have received a notice in the papers of your dear little girl's death. We know full well what it means to have a little one taken from the home. That our hearts go out in sympathy to parents so afflicted. It is now more than thirty seven years since our first little darling, when at the age of 1 year Eleanor was laid away to rest on the sunny hillside

of Madison & in less than two years another grave was made there when we were called upon to give up our beautiful little boy. Still another little grave we claim in the Beirut Cemetery - & our Elsie lies in the Utica Cemetery N.Y. So we know your grief and its bitterness but we also know the consolations that are yours & that Christian parents sorrow not as those without hope. It is a blessed thing to have a little one "Safe in the arms of Jesus" Heaven is a different place when one of our very own is there. When one of the "Angels" around the throne of God "is ours - the ties that bind us to Earth are never again so strong, for little hands have drawn us upward.

We have seen parents, unreconciled & sorrowing without hope & in such cases the comfort that is yours & ours is impossible. We know that a God of love has afflicted & Our God can bind up the wounds he makes. May this everlasting arms be underneath you at this time & May he comfort as only he can. I say this because fitting you for the work he has given you to do in sending the Gospel to those who know not our blessed Saviour with whom we are buried our treasures until we go to them to be with them & forever with the Lord. Mr Pond is not able to write you today but will do so soon he joins me in love & sympathy. Sincerely & affectionately yours

Thos. S. Pond

Porter, James J.

Mr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 19, 1910.

Dear Sir:-

The Nassau Literary Magazine is getting out a special literary number to contain short articles on the literary graduates of Princeton now living. To aid us in this attempt would you be kind enough to send us any information which would be of interest, together with your photograph.

We shall endeavor to mention especially any recent works, and, if you have published anything lately, if you would be kind enough to forward a copy, it will assist us greatly.

Trusting you will be interested enough in such an issue to give us the slight help necessary, I remain,

Yours truly,

James J. Porter,

Managing Editor

Please try to attend to this as soon as possible.

J. T. Woodhull Jr

Editor

Potter, J. L.

Teheran, Persia
Feb 27th 1907

Mr. Robt. E. Speer, Sec.
156 Fifth Ave., N.Y. City

Dear Mr. Speer:-

I enclose herewith copy of the translation of a speech by Sayid Jemal - kindly sent me by H. E., the British Minister here - I understand he desired it sent to our Society, and I understand further that it has been telegraphed to the N.Y. Herald, so you may have seen it already, in print.

We understand that you have been called away from New York - but I am surprised that no one has acknowledged the Reports and the Minutes of the Annual Meeting which I sent you last year - I hope they have not been lost in the mail.

With kind regards,
Yours very sincerely,
J. L. Potter.

Speech delivered by Seyed Jemal.

Oh Persians ! Oh brethren of my beloved country ! Until when will this treacherous intoxication keep you slumbering ? Enough of this sleep. Enough of this intoxication. Lift your heads. Open your eyes. Cast a glance around you, and behold how the world has become civilized. All the savages from Africa and the negroes from Zanzibar are marching towards civilization, knowledge, labour and riches. Behold our neighbours, who 200 years ago were in a much worse condition than we are at present, though they shall remain nameless (refers to Russia). Behold them now how they possess everything. In bygone days we had everything, and now all is gone. The majority of the monarchs of the whole world, and especially those of Asia, looked on us as a great nation, and as such they honoured us. Our King was called the King of Kings, and now we are reduced to such a state that our neighbours of the North and South (Russia and England) already believe that our country is their property, and that they can divide it between them when they choose. I consider the actual situation of Persia, my beloved country, (though four months ago no one dreamt that he had a country to cherish) is the same as that of Afghanistan when the Amir Abdurrahman Khan took possession of it, and installed himself at Kabul. The same Abdurrahman Khan in his memoirs has written. " To explain to you the actual state of Afghanistan I can only quote to you the following tale: A man gave a sum of money to have a garden laid out for him. After a lapse of time he was informed that the garden was finished; they took him to an arid desert where only sand and stones could be seen, and they told him, "this is your garden." Astonished at this sight, the man said: "I see no trees in this garden" They answered:" Only the trees are wanting" " But

were

where is the water?" retorted the man. Again they answered "Only the water is missing!" The unfortunate man said:"But I see no walls round this garden!" The same answer was given. Briefly, to every question he put he received the same answer. Now you, for God's sake, ponder a while, and consider whether the actual situation of Persia is not the same as this garden. We ask: "Where is our Army ? " They answer us " Only the Army is wanting" We ask " Where are our guns ?" and we receive the same answer. Neither are our finances controlled, nor have we a proper Government. Everyone robs the other's property, and does justice as he pleases and issues orders in his own way. Nor have we a regular police corps, or a municipal administration. Nor have we any commercial laws or rules. In all Persia we have not one factory of our own because your Government has always been a parasite and wherever they smelt money they laid their hands on it and took from you in every way they could, rightly or wrongly. Take for example the sugar factory, weaving, glass factory, &c. &c. that even our winding sheets are imported from abroad. In the whole of Persia we have only one farsak (about 4 miles) of railroad, and even this is in the hands of the Russians. History tells us that in Kashan we had 12000 silk weaving manufactories, whereas now we scarcely have 50. All this is due to the Autocracy and to injustice, and the want of laws. Also your clergy are faulty for the reason that from the pulpits they preach to you that " Life is short, and earthly honours are only human vanities. We shall all soon pass away from this world, therefore you should only think about eternity," and so on. These sermons lead you only to the way of submission and slavery and keep you always in ignorance. In every way under cover of charity, tithes or donations they extract your money. So it is with your monarchs who with their tyranny and supreme power despoil you of your property, freedom and rights. And with all this come the strangers who receive from you all your money and instead furnish you with green, blue and red cloth, gaudy glass ware and luxurious furniture. These are

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the causes of your present state, and this is why in all Persia only the clerry, the Government Officials and entourage are wealthy, and all the rest drag their lives in great misery.

Now, if you will think over what I have been saying to you, I who am only one of your spiritual fathers, and you know so very well that my sole object is your welfare, you will understand what your duty is to-day. It is to awaken, to develop yourselves and to thrive so that you ~~you~~ Persians like other nations should become powerful, respected and learned; that you should have your Army, your guns, develop your commerce, have railroads that join the north to the south, and the east to the west of Persia, that you should have factories of your own and be independent of strangers/. But all this cannot be obtained without one condition and that is knowledge. Therefore foremost of all open schools all over the country, spread all the means for instruction , from preparatory schools to matriculation universities, send for honest and learned professors who have no pretentions to high functional positions (refers to Belgians) such as from America or from any other nation so that your children may, with four horse power, run towards knowledge. When instruction has been acquired they will not submit themselves to the condition of their fathers. They will stand for justice, freedom and equality which three things are the basis of the Koran as I explained to you in my publications on the subject and verbally from this pulpit. I repeat once more to you now. Knowledge is the first commandment of the Koran. May God be with you.

Potter, W. P.

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MR. SPEER.

SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA,
JUDGES' CHAMBERS.

Room 458
City Hall.

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HON. D. NEWLIN FELL, JUSTICE
HON. J. HAY BROWN, JUSTICE
HON. S. LESLIE MESTREZAT, JUSTICE
HON. WILLIAM P. POTTER, JUSTICE
HON. JOHN P. ELKIN, JUSTICE
HON. JOHN STEWART, JUSTICE

Philadelphia, Dec 14 '06

My Dear Mr. Speer

I know you are so well up – on World matters – that I hesitate to trouble you – by asking if you can refer me to some recent articles – or publication that will give me the latest information upon the real situation of the United States as a World Power? I want to find out just where we really stand – and what our duty and privileges as a Nation are. I want to use the material in a public address. Pardon me for troubling you.

Very truly yours
W. P. Potter

Mr. Robert Speer
New York
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Pottstown, Pa., Feb. 26th, 1909.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Speer:-

The members of the Board of Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association of Pottstown desire to give expression to the deep feeling of appreciation they have for the splendid, frequent, and unselfish service you have rendered in connection with their Sunday afternoon Meetings for Men during this and previous years. The inspiring and soul-stirring messages you have brought us from time to time have had a very great and lasting influence on the lives of many men in our town, and we feel that it is only just and a very slight token of our regard, that we shall send you this letter, signed by the members of the Board, and indicative of the affection we have come to feel for you during these years of comparatively close association.

May God very richly bless you in the coming years, and grant that you may long stand as His ambassador to the young men of our day.

Yours in Christian affection,

Geo. A. Faber
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Wm H. Maxwell
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Eugene G. Wainer

Prentiss, Mary W.

673 Michigan Avenue.

Detroit, April 2nd, 1904.

My Dear Mr. Speer.

I hope to see you to-morrow but even if I can attend the prayer meeting I can hardly. Of course the world ought to do so. / /

I came across the enclosed a few days ago. And its discovery reminded me that I have carried on with you ever since I began to cook my hoods and papers prepar-

Glory to Meirag. (Over and over I read the Bible some book that "teachers will give Mr. Speer." And therefore for reason or another my energy has not quite satisfied me.)

But I do not want to be told near Mr. Speer that besides the prayers that have already preceded you to South America, unnecessary prayer will go with you from my heart to the "heart of the Master." I have just read Mrs. E. E. Wild in the S.S. Times of May 9th. And the line I thought with Dr. Bateman forever reminds me of my mother's person. It must necessarily be one of the "scholars" in the lower classes who would suggest that in every large school there is not only the head master, but teachers in certain of teachers. And I hope you will not be called to join "the teachers" - Dan. 12:3 - R.V. margin - in heaven for a long time.

This note will reach you, probably

to research training. And we must not think of humanities it.

Yours sincerely.

Mary W. Porter.

Purdy, Clara Viola

Riverside Institution,
Mattapan (Boston) Mass.
Sept. 26, 1908.

My dear Mr. Speer,

I hope you will pardon me for writing you a personal note but for several weeks I have been thinking and praying about the matter.

Of course my letter will be only one among thousands which you have no doubt received telling you of your personal helpfulness.

I think I can truthfully say that I have never in all my life heard or read anything which has helped

me quite as much as your address which appeared in the "Record of Christian Work" Sept. '07. "The Value of Hardness".

So many, many times I have thought of your words and read and re-read them and I have just thanked the Master that He had spoken through you to me.

Many times as I kneel in secret prayer I thank Him "whom having not seen I love" for Mr. Robert Speer and pray His blessing upon you and those devoted to you.

I hesitated a long time before writing to you for I know you are as for my

superior in every way but still some thing seemed to say, "Tell him he has helped you." So my dear brother in Christ, this note goes out with prayer and may it cause a little ray of sunshine to come into your happy busy life.

I have had so many sorrows disappointments that it just seemed that address was a personal message to me.

Two years ago I wanted so much to go to India as a missionary but after a very careful examination by Board's physician it was decided

that I could not work in a hot climate & I was heart broken but still He knows best, & "In the blest hereafter I shall know why, in His wisdom, He has led me so."

At present I am a teacher in the primary department in a school for poor orphan boys.

Again let me say, that so many times as I have read your addresses & heard you speak, Christ has really spoken through to me.

Yours in His work,

(Miss) Clara Viola Purdy

A — California

THE MAYO

SIX HUNDRED ROOMS EACH WITH BATH

TULSA

Dear Dr Spear —

I have missed you. Perhaps did not hear Mrs Roth actually ill before when I frequently, time after time Dr Miller would have called you to ask if I could see you there (or when) but I knew you need every moment of quiet & rest that you can get & I could not let him — I do doubt there will be another opportunity — I hope do. The enclosed is the copy of Mrs Tom's letter you had before seen. I have got it from Grace another time. The Plummers sent a copy to the Smith's friends, to Mrs Tom, & to

Dr Lance —

Mrs Pickens heard a rumor (not from her husband — it is a long time since she has heard from him) that a number of Americans in Shanghai have been killed in an

Huntington Camp. She thinks if it is so, it may be [illegible] who have come to plan for reformation, & possibly accompanied by one, a Dr Taylor, trying to help [illegible] to find a clinic. She wonders if they could be — that [illegible] would visit the inevitable results of such a thing upon the others. No names were given; or how many had arrived in Shanghai to wait the right time of re-formation —

I am wondering if your teeth are or will be in any of your books — (I do doubt you are Dixie writing books) The letter of the German made me desire so greatly to hear them —

Brother's daughter has mumps also, but little Joe, I have heard some when sporting near his ear — (though even then some women doesn't get)

May you be greatly used in our School & community. Love to Miss Dyer —

Very Sincerely yours

Lawrence McKellar

Copy

Box 72, Luipaardsvlei, Transvaal, S.Africa, June 26-08.
Dear Ones at Home,

We are having a decidedly serious time of it with the natives here, though a time of special blessing with the Chinamen. The trouble with the natives seems to be that they have had so much done for them that the do not seem to realize much of their own responsibility to recognise authority either in God's Word or in the church. They have had so much done for them and had the love side of the gospel given to them so much to the neglect of the teaching showing the requirements of God's righteousness that it is no wonder that we are face to face with a serious problem. The natives here paid for their teacher but not until there had been rigid discipline in the matter. After that there was a time of rich blessing when there was a real fellowship in the chapel. Then came another test, and they pointedly refused to do what they say they understand. I closed the school last week and dismissed their teacher, at the same time telling them that I would help them in every way I can . That seems drastic, but let me give a few incidents.

Near a Natal town there is a mission station. The natives belonging to that station caused so much trouble to travellers along the road that complaints were lodged with the authorities. The head of the police, with whom I am personally acquainted, sent his natives to investigate. They came back saying that the native huts were one big brewery. "How can that be ? They sit in front of their huts reading their Bibles ". "That is only a blind" When a contractor knew that the policeman was going to the place to make some arrests, he told him not to go unless he took 30 of the contractors' natives. The natives selling beer were arrested and sent on in front. Word had gone around that that white man was not to leave the place alive. A party from the huts circled around coming between the prisoners and the white man, and just as they were rushing on him to kill him with their clubs, the 30 contractor's natives came out of their hiding place and made prisoners of the lot. When they got to court most of these prisoners had Testaments in their clothes. The policemen, the Mayor of the town, the Magistrate , were all Christian men.

A native was hired as an interpreter in the compound because he said he was a Christian. He tried to get one of the natives in the battery to steal free gold for him. The case was reported. He was trapped and is now awaiting his trial for buying stolen gold.

In one compound, the compound manager is a Christian, the only one in such a position that I have ever known. He has over 800 natives, the rest of the work on the mine being done by Chinese. He says there are a number of natives professing to be Christians in the lot, most of whom go to the native chapel near by, but out of them all there is only one he can trust. One signed the contract at his home before a magistrate, agreeing to work underground. When he came here, he made several complaints to the Inspector. He claimed that the room where he had slept the first night was so dirty that it was not fit for a pig. The inspector and the native were taken to the room, and the native in every charge was proven to be a liar. The whole trouble was, he was unwilling to keep his promise. Another Christian complained that his money was 10/- short. The matter was investigated, and he was told that his money was correct. He went directly to the Pass Office and declared that the compound manager had robbed him of 10/-. It was proven from his own ticket that his money was correct and that he was telling a deliberate lie because he knew before that his money was correct. Another native Christian is a boss boy He goes regularly to the chapel, but he curses his boys at such a rate that the compound manager had to rebuke him. And yet that compound manager defended the work of missions in speaking with two general managers the mine had, saying that they could not condemn missions because the natives on that mine were not true.

Last Monday night I was at one of the native chapels. Three of the natives demanded thay they be taught at once the reading lesson, saying that they could come on Sunday to be taught the Bible and besides they did not need Bible teaching for they understood that. I explained to them that we must take the Bible lesson. They all got up and went out.

One of the chapels has a teacher who always has been unwilling to be helpful in anything except the teaching, and still he is permitted to stay. The place is a hotbed of Ethopianism. I could go there one night during the week and once on Sabbath, but it is

no use to go near the place as long as that teacher is permitted to stay to breed a spirit of rebellion in the place. If the Mission ere not responsible for his being there it would be entirely a different matter.

As missionaries we go to these mining men to ask for permission to teach in the compounds. We sometimes think that they might be a little more considerate, and rightly think so. But on the other hand when I think of these awful failures which can be traced directly to the lack of discipline in the native church, I wonder sometimes that they let any of us in. Others may do as they think best, but so far as I am concerned, if the natives will not recognize the authority of the Bible in matters which they say they understand, then the school will continue closed and we will give all our time to directly evangelistic work. But the other policy of teaching with the hope that they will recognize authority has been followed so long until we have a serious condition of things here, a large part of the responsibility of which rests with missionaries.

And if you will read between the lines you will see one reason why over and over again I have tried to emphasize the absolute necessity of knowing a definite baptism of the Holy Spirit if one is to know service with these Africans. If one is here only to teach, if the natives come to him and go away and are left to themselves to make a practical application of what they have been taught with no discipline, then such a teacher may appear to have smooth sailing , for as long as anybody is helping a native he is meek. But such teaching with little or no strict discipline gives the native the idea that since God is love that He does not hate sin, and that any one is safe if he only professes a form of Christianity . But when discipline is brought to bear, especially in a place like this where the natives have had so much done for them, then it takes a heart purified from selfishness and fear, to be able to stand true with all their sullenness and stubornness and weakness which disci-line brings out. Let no one think that the hands of the natives are stretched out to receive the gospel, for they are not. Let no one think that in the energy of his own will he can live in touch with these natives and not yield to the blues or anger. Let no one think that he can bring them a Power that will lift them out of themselves that they may receive purified motives and His love and tenderness and joy unless he knows such a deliverance himself. Without such a baptism a great deal of philanthropical work may be done, but that is not the salvation of men's souls for which we are here.

Another reason for rigid discipline is this. One of the mining men said he thought that the inconsistent lives of these native Christians is the greatest hindrance to missionary work we have. It is a hindrance, and yet there is one thing that will check its influence for evil. If even one native knows a definite baptism with the Holy Spirit, then even the most stupid native about him knows that whatever others may or may not do, yet there is in that native's life a proof of the difference between the false and the real. It has been about 8 months since Li went home yet the Chinamen often ask what has become of him. His life was an epistle read and known by white and yellow men alike, to prove God's power, but he knew not only forgiveness but a heart cleansed and the love and power that the fellowship of the Holy Spirit gives. But in his life there was no trifling with the Bible nor its authority. If the natives in the chapel come through this test on the right side then we will have such a richness of blessing such as we have never known, but it is a decidedly serious condition of things just now,.

With love to all, Q.R.

R—, Sarah J.

MY Dear DR SPEER

Feb. 4, —

I thank you unspeakably for the profoundly in instructive and delightful book you gave this family CHRISTMAS CHRISTIANITY AND THE NATIONS I have read it all and much of it twice · I thank the LORD for giving you insight and industry to write it with the careful research in collecting the testimony of so many learned experts, I like it all perhaps the last two chapters the best being the freshest and just finished MAY the LORD use it all to his GLORY

I beg your sympathy and prayers for little annie WILSON and her parents suffering over eight weeks with typhoid fever ROBERT seems to have recovered / YOU have had experience with typhoid fever in PERSIA under different circumstances . They have had a little kind attention from DR CARPENTER and a native with no help whatever and no relief and incessant care and watching day and night the letter yesterday spoke of a continued temperature of 105 . YOURS anxiously

Sarah J. R—

Rosenvik feb 4th

Falstrup pr Rødkjærsbro
16-9-1903.

Kreder, Karen

Dear Mr. Speer!

I thank you most heartily for your kind permission to translate the Life of Hugh Beaver, and it certainly shall be a pleasure to me to send you a copy of the book, when it appears.

I now only hope, that the translation may not be too inferior to the original.

Yours truly

Karen Rader

Kreiger, Karen

29. Sortedams Dossering

Copenhagen
Denmark
6-1-1908.

Dear Mr. Speer!

I am now to apply to you to ask your permission to translate your book: A young man's Questions and your Troubles: How to deal with temptation into Danish.

If at the same time you would give me a general permission

to the translation of all your books, I should be most obliged to you.

I am glad to tell you, that your book Young Men who succeed has been very well received by Danish readers and that the first edition is almost sold out.

Yours very truly
(Signed) Aaron Lieder

March 2d 1907.

My dear Bobby,

I wish to thank you at this late time for the kind and considerate hospitality Mrs Shee and yourself showed me when I was with you overnight.

I can never forget the impression my visit left upon me

It seemed to me that the
ground in which I stood
was "holy". Wishing you
and yours all the
happiness you deserve to
have in this world —
and I am sure you will
have it in the next.
Believe me, With all the
old love and affection,

Sincerely Yours
Edward Rand

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Mr. Speer.

"EL NIDITO"
COATESVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

June 27. 1906

My dear Uncle Bob:-

This to complete the treatment.

Africa our missionary study all winter with little a no help from where help might be expected, to wit the missionary corner of the Pres. Ch.

We wind up today with a written review tacked on to our regular lesson review. (We have written reviews in our schools)

I send you the questions and some of the papers of the small children.

You can send them to whom they may concern.

If the parties who have this work in hand are up to snuff these poor little papers will mean something but if they are only holders down of chairs will, "into the waste basket with it!"

On account of the difficulty in getting any real helps I dont think I will bother further with missionary study in the S. S. I am satisfied it can be done all right but with my other work and a living to earn I dont have the time to dig it out and the Lord dont seem to send me any one to do it for me.

Somebody about your establishment could do the

work, building missionary studies in shape. I have no doubt but so far as I know it has not yet been done. In my letters to you I have suggested some ways I have tested and which work. This written review is no exception.

When that young Peoples crowd get something in working shape I will be glad to take the matter up once more.

Yours with regards
Redway

I was going to get up a lecture on Living Stone and Booth washing tub but did not have the time to do it. Had an essay on Toussaint L'Ouverture but that was best we could do. A man that superintends two Sunday Schools and teaches two Bible Classes on Sunday and a class of teachers during the week must have some one to do the Grub St work for him when it comes to Missionary studies and unless your machine can do this I go out of the Missionary business in spite of my heart and head.

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TORONTO, Aug. 20th 1910

Rev. Robert Speer, D.D.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Speer,-

By the enclosed you will see that last year we organized a series of Missionary Lectures in connection with the Methodist Churches of this city. The Series proved exceptionally successful, the last Lecture being delivered by Prof. Harlan P. Beach. This year we are organizing a Series on the same lines, but instead of being denominational it will be a union Series, arranged by the Methodists, Presbyterians, Anglicans, Baptists, and Congregationalists. We anticipate this Series being the missionary feature for Toronto during the winter, and our object is to rouse our people to greater missionary activity by the systematic giving of missionary education to them. Our Committee would very much appreciate your giving one of the Lectures. The subject could be chosen by yourself, and we could arrange for one of the following dates, October 13th, November 17th, December 15th, February 16th, March 16th, or April 20th. If all of these dates would be unsuitable you might possibly be good enough to suggest a date when arrangements would permit of your being able to visit Toronto. We shall be glad to arrange for the payment of your expenses to and from Toronto, and also to entertain you whilst here.

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I feel sure that you will endeavor to co-operate with us in our endeavor to extend the Master's Kingdom in the way above suggested. As we hope to have at least 2,000 people attending these Lectures, you will see that such meetings present unique opportunities for accomplishing a great deal.

Your reply per return would be greatly esteemed, and thanking you an anticipation for your cordial assistance, I remain,

Yours in the Master's service,

Virgil G. Ridout.

P.S. Permit me to congratulate you upon your receiving the well merited D.D. Your last work "Christianity & the Nations" (which I am reviewing for the "Christian Guardian") is the most inspiring & logical Missionary book I have ever read. Could you not make your Lecture a sort of resumé of this book?

R.

Robbins, Edmund D.

DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Mr Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Ave,
New York City.

My dear Robbins:

Tantus amor veri, nihil est quod
nolcere malim,
Tuam fluvii causas per secula
latentes.

So great is my love of truth, there
is nothing that I would rather
discover than the sources of
the stream, the sources hidden
through such long ages.

'Ιδού. I could commente upon

it "learnedly" (?) to some further re-
Truth, but refrain. I shall only
remark that the

Fautus amor veri

is cleverly intended (probably) to
strike the eye at first as

— "So great his love for Truth" —
— "A searcher after truth" —

which latter phrase you may sub-
stitute for the first line of my
Translation and be nearer the real
effect intended by the Latin than is
the literal translation.

I am sorry that absence from
Princeton during Thanksgiving week has
delayed my response.

Do come in and see us when
you are next in Princeton

Sincerely yours
Edmund Pendleton Robbins

Dec. 3, 1905.

Robertson, Andrew

The Manse
St Johns: Newfoundland
Sept. 11, 1906

My dear Mr Speer,

Do you remember the "man from Newfoundland" who invaded your office about this time last year? I hope you do - in some small way anyhow: for here he comes again not in propria persona but by grace of His Majesty's Mail. I do wish, however, I could be in New York this fall. I want so much to talk to you - and to enlist your sympathies on behalf of a friend of mine who is in your city. He needs help and guidance, and I am right sure that if any man in the United States can help him you are the man. Will you pardon me for the liberty I take. I know you are a busy man but your assistance now may mean much to one "for whom Christ died."

My friend is a Roman Catholic priest. So still though is resignation will go before long to Rome. His name is James White - Father White, as he was known here, loved and revered by all classes of society - and by all creeds too. It would be unpardonable [illegible]

to write you his story. Besides I should like to know all things to have you hear it from his own lips. He makes the Y.M.C.A. on W Twenty. Third his headquarters and I have taken the great liberty of providing him with your address and asked him to call and see you. When you see him I am convinced that your knowledge of human nature will lead you to but one conclusion: that he is an honest man, "beating his music out" in splendid style, and with the most genuine motives "following the gleam." For many years he was one of the priests in the Cathedral here in our city. His life was so open. his character so pure. his judgment so clear and strong that he was easily the foremost man in the fellowship. Every Catholic society counted Father White as its spiritual director, and I should be afraid to guess to how many of them he stood in that relation. His confessional was besieged by the faithful seeking advice and counsel. When he left here he was met in Halifax by offers of posts of an important kind - again in Montreal the Archbishop (Bruchesi) and the chiefs of the Jesuit order competed with each other to get him to take a Professor's chair in the colleges in which they were severally interested. but he was seeking some thing which they could not offer and so the providential opening made it possible for him to go to New York as Private Chaplain and the close of his engagement has now given him the opportunity of slipping out into private life. I shall leave him to tell you as much of the story of the inward side of all this as you may have time for. or as he may desire to lay here. I will only say this that though I have known many cases of conversion from Rome. I have not known any where the change has come, more markedly than this, from the sheer process of spiritual life and growth. I could write at great length on the matter but I forbear in all sincerity. because I should like you to be free to form your own judgment on Father White's character and personality. I have not the slightest fear but they will speak for themselves in a way that cannot be denied. Will you kindly receive him. hear what he has to say. and then in any way your judgment commends advise with him as to the future. You may rest assured of this that the name of Father White is all over this colony taken as the synonym of everything that is good and pure and of good report. If it were necessary I could procure credentials from the foremost men of the country to substantiate all that I have said and more. but you can

understands the delicacy of the situation and the necessity (for the sake of his dear old mother who is a devout Catholic if for nothing else) of going as discretely as is possible about the matter. I do not know how it is but I confess to a strange confidence in leaving this thing in your hands. The whole matter has been so manifestly of God that there is behind it I am sure some design of His that will be very evident in due time.

I shall be glad to answer any questions you may think it necessary to put to me. and many can will be pleased to have just a line from you to assure me that you are not annoyed at the liberty I have ventured to take. My only plea is that "he is worthy for whom you should do this."

With all good wishes and every sentiment of respect

Yours

Yours very sincerely

Andrew Robertson.

Robertson, Andrew

The Manse
St. John's: Newfoundland
March 5, 1907

My dear Mr Speer,

Yours of St Valentine's Day was duly received, and was greatly appreciated. I am glad you found yourself able to serve my friend Father White with a good conscience. It does not seem to me possible for any one to come into touch with him without feeling the reality of his good faith and utter sincerity. I am confident that he will more than justify your good opinion and I shall wait without much anxiety the future that is before him.

Wasn't it curious that our letters should cross? I hope you will not consider me bore in respecting again on your good nature. But if it is at all possible I want to visit New York by the 9th of April and Professor Orr's topic is nothing if not timely. Your good natured invitation to spend an evening with you I very much value but I should be "sweer" (as we say in Scotland) to intrude. You may be sure if my plans miss I shall do myself the pleasure of calling to see you and thank you in person for your kindness.

With every good wish

Yours very sincerely,

Andrew Robertson

TELEPHONE, No. 496 CENTRAL

Robertson, L. Hope

TELEGRAMS, 'WOMICO' EDINBURGH

World Missionary Conference, 1910

Offices—WINDSOR BUILDINGS
100 Princes Street, EDINBURGH

7th May, 1910.

My Dear Mr Speer,

Thank you for your further letter regarding lodgings; I think I understand pretty well what you want, and I hope that what has been engaged will prove entirely suitable to your own and Dr Sailer's party. Mrs Robson and I have now definitely engaged lodgings for you and Dr Sailer. We have not been able to secure accommodation for you all in one house, but you are both in the same street. The lodgings for your party are with a Mrs Robertson, 37 Palmerston Place, a street running at right angles to the extension of Princes Street at the West End, and not quite so far as Haymarket Station; the street runs in front of the Cathedral and the house is just one or two doors to the right of it. Mrs Robson and I thought it would suit you. The landlady is, I understand from another source, nice and efficient. The arrangement of rooms is, a drawing-room on the flat up for your party's sole use as a sitting room and where you will have all your meals served privately. On the same floor there is a double bedroom and a dressing-room; the dressing room is not very big, but has a bed in it, and can be used as a single room. On the flat above the drawing-room there is another double bedroom and dressing-room with a bed in it, and another small room with a skylight, which, but for the lack of being able to see out, is, I think, all right. These five bedrooms and the drawing-room are booked for you, and perhaps nearer the time I shall be able to get a double room instead of the room with the skylight; at any rate I shall try.

Since writing you last the terms have been slightly changed, and the rate now fixed is 7/- per day for the adults, and 4/- per day for the children. This price includes full board, attendance, bedrooms, drawing-room and serving of meals.

For Dr Sailer's party we have arranged with a Mrs Heddle

6 Palmerston Place. This is just a few doors up from the car line. Mrs Robson went and looked at the house, and thought that it would be quite suitable. The landlady also seems nice.

In this class of lodging it is no advantage and no cheaper not to take a sitting-room, as they endeavour to let their rooms in suites each with a sitting-room. And although Dr Sailer did not specially want one, we have taken one for him. The rooms taken are a sitting-room one stair up, in which their meals will be served privately, a double bedroom on the same flat and a dressing room with a bed in it and on the next floor above another double bedroom. The rate fixed is £4-14-6 per week for the whole of the rooms, and an extra 5/- per day each for board for adults and 3/6 per day each for children. This works out at about 7/- per day for each member of his party while yours comes to about 6/-. His rate is, as far as I can learn, a very fair average; yours is pretty moderate. I hope, however, that I have not gone beyond my commission, and that both parties will be comfortable. Dr Sailer's rate is of course also inclusive of everything, attendance etc.

In the double rooms mentioned in both lodgings there are only double beds, and if two beds should be desired in one room or any special small beds for the children, I shall be happy to see that everything is in order before you arrive, and will also notify the landladies as to the time of your arrival. I suppose Dr Sailer is coming over with you in the "Caledonia".

I had meant to go up to-day to Oban to see about rooms, but was detained. My sisters and brother, however, have gone up, and we shall let you know as soon as possible what we have arranged.

Please do not trouble to answer this letter. With kindest regard, and hoping you are all well,

Yours very sincerely,

L. Hope Robertson

If you would like to change in any way or if you think the rooms will not be suitable, I think I could arrange to change them.

TELEPHONE, No. 496 CENTRAL

Robertson, L. Hope

TELEGRAMS, 'WOMICO' EDINBURGH

World Missionary Conference, 1910

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Offices—WINDSOR BUILDINGS
100 Princes Street, EDINBURGH

17th May, 1910.

Robert E. Speer, Esq.,
Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK.

My Dear Mr Speer,

I have just received your letter sending ten copies of the Report on South America for which I must thank you very much indeed.

I shall write to Dr Sailer and give him particulars about the lodgings which I have engaged for him.

We have now arranged rooms for you in Oban, which we hope will prove satisfactory. The address is Miss Maggie Gillespie, Lorn Villa, Esplanade, Oban. She was recommended by some friends, and I think you should be comfortable. We have engaged four large double bedrooms, two of the bedrooms having two beds in each, the other two having double beds, and a large front sitting room, from the 11th or 12th of July to the 1st or 2nd of August, at the rate of £2-15/- per week for adults and £1-7-6 for children. This price includes everything, board, attendance, baths, etc. It works out to £17-17-6 a week for the whole party, which is a little under 6/6 per day each.

The/

Robert E. Speer, Esq.

The house in on the front esplanade, the north end, one of the best situations in Oban, about 10 minutes walk from the Pier. Perhaps you will write nearer the time and inform Miss Gillespie when you hope to arrive, also if there is any arrangement of beds which you would like to make, or I could do this for you. I hope this will be entirely satisfactory to you, and if there is anything else that I could help you with, I should be only too glad to do so.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

L. Hope Robertson

If you would care for another sitting-room or any other rooms I have no doubt it could be arranged.

36 MURRAYFIELD ROAD,

EDINBURGH.

Dec. 13th 1910.

My dear Mrs Speer.

Dr Robertson & I desire to send to you & Mr Speer & your children our warmest good wishes for a happy Christmas time & the best blessings in the coming year.

I trust you have all been keeping well & strong during the winter & that both you & your husband are very fit for your manifold labours.

I think you know of Dr Robertson's prolonged illness as I wrote Mrs Speer some

life in answer to his brief
note. I cannot yet give
such a cheerful account as
I should like of his progress,
though he is somewhat better,
but the improvement is so
slow & with so many backward
movements that it is a little
hard to realise it. Several
times there are signs of progress too.
My husband is now allowed
to have a visit from his friends
& enjoys a talk with them, &
they see some progress from
time to time that perhaps I
do. Mr Oldham always shows
me about them, & his visits
are a great delight to my
husband; it gladdens his heart
to hear all he has to tell of the
good work that is following
the Conference. He sometimes says
"I seemed just like to give a little
groan to be in the middle of it
all." I had hoped by this
time to have been making plans
to take him away for a change,
but that is still in the far
distance. The nearest journey
we are contemplating for him
meantime is to the drawing-room
which he means to make his
bedroom & so give him a little
change of air & outlook.

Mrs Oldham has been good
enough to undertake to convey
a bit of Southwood to you
to brief to you on Christmas

preaching, it comes thirty
miles away living miles - Solon
also has asked her to carry
a little bit of what he calls
the "Covenant" to Mr. Speed.

Priscilla is now settled in
her new home very happy -
We have still Mr & Mrs Willie
with us, but they are leaving
for Calabar in the beginning
of January.

With very loving regards
in which Dr. Richard & my
sister join -

Believe me, affly. yours -

C. F. Mokelumne.

Robson, George

WORLD MISSIONARY CONFERENCE, 1910.

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36 MURRAYFIELD ROAD.
EDINBURGH 17th November, 1909.

My dear Mr Speer,

On thinking over the letter I wrote you on Saturday last, it occurs to me that it would be very much better for you to come direct to [illegible] ...al. There will be so many points to go over in connection with the arrange-ments for the Jubilee Commission meetings [illegible], and it will be distinctly inconvenient for you to be staying anywhere else than here. If you have not yet written to Sir Alexander Simpson, you might say to him that you will be glad to accept his hospitality for a portion of the time, but leave the portion undetermined until after your arrival. If you have written him, I think it would be well to write him again, and say that as there are so many matters of business to settle at the outset, you will in the first instance stay with him as I have written you to the effect that this would be much the most convenient arrangement.

With all kind regards,

Yours very faithfully,

George Robson.

Robson, George

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United Free Church of Scotland.

TELEPHONE No. 285x CENTRAL.
3635x.

36 Murrayfield Road,
Edinburgh, 28th September, 1909.

Dear Mr Speer,

I duly received your letter of 25th July written somewhere about the Straits of Magellan, and am glad to hear that the Duff Lectures are so far advanced. With regard to your enquiry as to the possibility of shortening the term of delivery, I have waited to consult some friends before replying. We quite appreciate your desire for a shorter absence in the beginning of the year in view of so long an absence this summer, but we must ask you to adhere to the original arrangement. So far as Edinburgh is concerned, it would be very awkward to have some of the lectures delivered on the Sabbath evening and others on the other evenings. And also with regard to other places, all are of opinion that we get a better audience and a more settled audience at a weekly lecture than if we try to crowd these lectures into shorter space. Besides that, we are very anxious to make use of you in preparation for the World Conference. We are arranging preparatory meetings throughout Scotland, and our provisional programme includes you as one of the speakers at nine of these meetings in the principal cities. In addition, the Christian Student Unions are on your track, and I have made one or two promises of your services at a meeting in each of the University towns. This would take in St Andrews in addition to the lecture towns. So that altogether the keeping of the original arrangement will enable you to render what we regard as an immense service to the cause of the Kingdom of God in Scotland. Further, there will be no end of questions about that time to decide on details of arrangements respecting the Conference, and it will be

of the greatest help to us to have one to advise us who knows America and so many foreign missionaries. After all, however, the main purpose of your visit is the delivery of the Duff Lectures, and I am quite clear that it is in the interest of these lectures and the object they are intended to serve that the course should be extended to six weeks.

With kind regards,

Yours very faithfully,

George Robson

Robson, John

36 MURRAYFIELD ROAD
EDINBURGH

Dear Mr Spurr

I was very pleased to get your letter, and it was very kind of Margaret and Elliott to send me the balls. will you

thank them for me!

[illegible] I would It is very warm and
[illegible] very much to [illegible] I am writing out
[illegible] real Indians in in the Summer-
[illegible] Buffalo Bill's wild West show. Grandfather is
give my love to a little better I went
Margaret and Elliot let the wild Indian
Your loving friend Leighton [illegible] Where
John [illegible]

36 MURRAYFIELD ROAD,
EDINBURGH.

11th August. 1910

My dear Friend.

The photographs arrived today, & I am very grateful to you for giving me so many identifications. I hope your strained eyes will be rested on the blue Atlantic. The defect in the photographs is the absence of your face.

We are enjoying Beulah. The air is perfect. Iolan with the help of his hand-maiden has built an splendid wigwam on the

forest about the house, with tripod & kettle, bed, seat, & "cache"; & in his Indian dress is a veritable Hiawatha, with Mud Bay for Minnehaha. A bow & arrow now pass his uncle Andrew complete his outfit. Mr. Robson & others young are well. I am getting through with my share in the editing of the Reports, but the September Record is a humblesome task this week.

Well, I do wish we had seen more of you in these latter days, & that I could have gone through to Glasgow to see you aboard, & got one more grasp of your hand before you sail. In all the joy & help of intercourse with you & the inspiration of all the good words you have spoken to us be thousand thanks. Remember us all most kindly to Mr. Spurr & Elliot & tell your company. A good voyage to you across the Atlantic & a happy arrival at home! May it

not be long till we meet
again! But next year
I enter my eighteenth
year, so my days of active
service here cannot be
many. Would I could feel
more humble! Please remem-
ber me sometimes in
your prayers & especially
that my life may be
consecrated wholly with Christ
in God. May He bless
you & make you more & more
a minister of grace & help
to multitudes in this
service! Ever your loving friend

George Robson

The Missionary Record of the United Free Church.

EDITOR—
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TELEPHONE No. 3635 X CENTRAL

36 Murrayfield Road,
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My dear Mr Speer.

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of caution — a peculiarly Celtic characteristic — has led her judgment astray more than once in practical matters, so that he has made great mistakes when honestly believing that he was under the highest guidance. I am not yet quite clear as to what line I should take in answering his letter. Perhaps you know about Wood's case. At any rate you can throw some light on the other points touched in his letter. I can hardly expect an answer before you are out of British waters, but you may possibly find time on the voyage to send me a little illumination.

With all kind regards & most grateful memories of our intercourse this year I remain

Ever your admiring & attached friend

C. George Robson

Rockefeller, John D., Jr.

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Mr. Speer

26 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

December 13, 1910.

Dear Mr. Speer:

Several years ago you spoke at one of a series of meetings for men which were held in the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church under the auspices of the Young Men's Bible Class. We are proposing to hold a similar series this year Will it be possible for you to speak at one of these meetings on Monday evening, February 6th to men only?

The object of these meetings is to bring men to a realization of their need of a personal Saviour and to help them make a decision for Christ.

I write on behalf of the Committee of the Class having this matter in charge, and earnestly hope that we may be so fortunate as to find you disengaged for that evening.

Very cordially,

John D. Rockefeller Jr.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Rockefeller, John D., Jr.

26 Broadway
New York

January 16, 1911.

Dear Mr. Speer:

At your early convenience will you be good enough to send me the subject of your address for our men's meeting in our church on Monday evening, February 6th. We shall hope to be able to fill the church. If the audience is not large enough we may adjourn to the lecture room. The meeting will be exclusively for men. You will be the only speaker. There will be several vocal solos appropriate to the occasion.

If at the end of the meeting it should seem desirable to give an opportunity for those men who wish to decide for Christ to rise, or in some other way to express their wish, and you should not feel disposed to conduct such an exercise, Doctor Moore, our Associate Pastor, who has had some experience in this line, will do so. This, however, can be determined at the time.

Very cordially,

John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Speer

Rockefeller, John D., Jr.

26 Broadway
New York

February 6, 1911.

Dear Mr. Speer:

It was good of you to devote last evening to our young men and your strong, earnest talk will long be remembered by all who heard it. A man's words count for little unless backed by his life. This being so eminently true of you what you say carries exceptional weight.

I wish we might see more of each other, but in this busy life it seems so difficult to see the people we find most helpful.

Again with cordial thanks for your help last night, believe me to be,

Very sincerely,

John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Rockefeller, John D., Jr.

26 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

February 7th, 1911.

Dear Mr. Speer:

For six months last winter I gave the larger part of my time to the study and investigation of the white-slave traffic as foreman of the special January Grand Jury. While the Grand Jury did not find the existence of any organization trafficking in women, or of an organized traffic, it did find individual traffic of an extensive and appalling amount. It would appear that a large proportion of public prostitutes in this city today entered the life against their will as a result of trickery, deceit or force. The situation is one which no decent citizen would be willing to have continue were he familiar with the facts, but so few know the facts.

I am sending you herewith a book entitled "The House of Bondage" by Reginald Wright Kauffman, which deals vividly but truthfully with this subject. If any large number of citizens could be brought to read this book I feel that some effective effort for the improvement of the situation would be the result. In the back of the book you will find printed the presentment of the special January Grand Jury which I think you will find worth reading.

I have reason to believe that a permanent organization will soon be formed in this city for

the purpose of fighting this evil intelligently, sanely and constantly. Those who know most about the situation are of the opinion that an effort of this kind gives the only promise of a permanent improvement in a situation which is a disgrace to our civilization.

In the name of good citizenship therefore I do not hesitate to ask you to read this book. It will be most interesting to me to know what impression the story makes upon you if you feel disposed to drop me a line after having read it.

Very cordially,

John D. Rockefeller

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
124 East 28th Street,
New York.

Ross, Alex?

Newark N.J. Nov 25. 1907.

Mr. Robt. E. Speer
N.Y. City

Dear Sir. Please permit a frank expression of opinion on your recent article recommending the reading of the biographies of Gen'ls Lee and Jackson. We expect that one who cultivates the Christian life acts from principles consistent with his profession, raising him above lower circumstances and as in the case of the Christian leaders of the Rebellion giving that moral dynamic which would oppose secession from the Union for so cruel inhuman and barbarous a reason as the bondslavement of their fellow men. It is pardonable to excuse one who is taken unawares or thro' stress of circumstances falls into error or sin, but the inception prosecution and continuance of a four years war by men of ~~so called~~ Christian character and intelligence to continue their despotic rule shows a desire to rule or ruin. Were there no principle involved in the slave holders rebellion but a question of conquest there might be some defense but to war for slavery so contrary to the Christian's Golden Rule gives one the feeling that for the

time being they might be good warriors but were blind leaders of the blind and deserved to fall in the last detail. "The doubtful value of good intentions is well defined by Dan'l Webster in an address delivered at N York in 1837." "It may be possible that good intentions do really sometimes exist when Constitutional restraints are disregarded; there are men in all ages who mean to exercise power wisely but who mean to exercise it; they mean to govern well but they mean to govern; they promise to be kind masters but they mean to be masters; they think there need be but little restraint upon themselves; their notion of the public interest is apt to be closely ~~associated~~ connected with their own exercise of authority; they may not indeed always understand their own motives; the love of power may sink too deep into their own hearts even for their own detection and may pass with themselves for mere patriotism and benevolence". Pride of intellect love of power and fortuitous circumstances often obscure the real issue. Was the rich young ruler who failed in the crucial test commended? The leaders in the attempt to disrupt the Union and rear up a slaveocracy ~~were attempted~~ sinned against the light of the 19th Century and brought on a cruel inhuman and bloody war with its misery and suffering continued even ~~when~~ after they had no chance to win and the object for which they contended was abolished; the stubborn stiff neck, callous persistence which made their doom the more certain.

a false shame and the inexorable tyranny of Southern opinion made many of them belie the honest conviction of their hearts when at the very least they would have gladly evaded the inquiry. The latest biography of Genl. Lee states that he did not favor secession at first and the speeches of ~~Ex Vice~~ Alex H. Stephens of Ga. tells the same story. When you come to analize the underlying motives of their leaders their ~~is~~ are no justifying reasons for their refusal to submit to peaceable legislation. ~~Their~~ Golden Rule read to love any your whole neighbor as yourself. Better examples for the young are Virginians like Generals Scott & Geo H Thomas who braved social ostracism preferring the Union than a Dec[illegible] the ~~part of the whole.~~ Whole rather than the part.

The reading of the Declaration of Causes put forth by the Confederacy is a flying from the Norm meeting ~~to~~ the Inquisition. a despotic reaction worthy of the dark middle ages. I have always read with increasing interest your contributions to the C. C. Times but respectfully object to any of the leaders who were such false guides to a confiding decline being held up as patterns for any one.

Yours faithfully

Hu McRoss

Ross, G. A. Johnston

S. Columba's Church,
Cambridge.

Minister:
REV. G. A. JOHNSTON ROSS, M.A.
IONA,
GRESHAM ROAD.

Session Clerk:
PROFESSOR ALEX. MACALISTER, M.D., D.Sc., LL.D., F.R.S.

April 13 1909.

Dear Mr Speer,

I almost dread the thought of your judgment of me. When I saw you on Monday 5th April my mind was "off" Boys' Manor and was open towards Englewood. But as I thought the matter out in the streets, conscience asserted itself. I felt that if I made the change to America, I must not quite dissociate myself from College life: and just because the fellowship at Englewood is so fascinating I felt I had no right to set the other aside first. To have called to Mt Tabor, putting

finally from me the so generous, so patient, so trustful & so faithful invitation to Inglewood. I have no doubt I have done right: I trust however that I had seen my duty earlier, and saved you Mr Schenck Mr Brinckerhoff and Mr. Jewett all the labour. You all so generously but fruitlessly spent on this unknown alien. I do thank you for it all: and I trust you will believe that I gave the proposals the most careful and anxious consideration of which I am capable — I hanger to the hope that I may retain the friendships opened up by your kindness. My wife is one more of Mr. Spear's victims, slain by

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the kindness of her Eyes and heart.
and it is not easy for my wife to
overtender the prospect of being
near where Mrs Speer is. — But the
facts are as I have given them in
this hurried letter.

As to Bryn Mawr, after deep
& careful thought I have arrived that
despite misgivings I am disposed
to risk & I await the result of their
meeting next Wednesday. That is
as far as I can get at the moment.
Something might happen to keep
me in England: something involving

the interests were extremely main-
ness of the competing interests & the
congregations. That unless that
happens, I do not see how I can
refuse the offer & service of Hope
Mann, with the restrictive assurance
that Mann received in the vision
has.

If it comes off, and I become
minister of Hope Mann, one
of the most fascinating prospects
that I have had is and Mr Fox
offer beside us, as pastor if I may
be in our house. Meanwhile two good
wishes

I have spoken to the man how
about you visit in spring, if you will
hear, & I do commend him.

Ever yours affectionately

[illegible]

Bailey, Violet Mildred

New York City Training School

Blackwells Island

New York. Nov. 3rd/1909

Editor Sunday School Times.

Dear Sir.

I am writing to you to ask a favor. I have been taking the Times for five years and there is perhaps none of your regular contributors that I admire more than Mr. Robt. E. Speer. I had the pleasure of hearing him give a short address at Toronto University last Spring, and am very anxious to hear him again

if possible.

I am a Canadian girl, and expect to be in New York until near Xmas. Could you tell me if Mr Speer will address any public gatherings between now and Christmas and kindly tell me when he will speak, and where.

If you do not know I do not wish to have you go to any trouble but if you can oblige me I will be very grateful.

Most sincerely yours.
Violet Mildred Ryley.

P.S. I am enclosing envelope with my address.
V. M. R.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES
1031 WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA
EDITORIAL ROOMS

November 8, 1909.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Speer:

You will be interested in the letter from Miss Ryley which we enclose herewith. In view of the nature of this inquiry, we are sure you would wish to answer it directly, and we have not written Miss Ryley at all.

Yours cordially,

The Editors.
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Enclosure.

Sampson, Anne E.

Heidelberg. Germany.

Confidential. June 26 1911.

My dear Mr. Speer:

Will you pardon me if I ask your help in a matter which is of great importance to my daughters and myself? To have you understand, I must burden you with some knowledge of our affairs.

When my husband was taken four years ago, his estate was terribly involved through investments made by persuasion of Mr. Fife who had once been an evangelist. By the greatest effort I was able to pay the debts and continue my daughters education, trying

dence in Mr. Wishart, & now wish to place part at least of our funds in his hands. But my brothers who are very kind & of course deeply interested in my affairs, beg me to decline his aid. They look upon him with suspicion as one who having put his hand to the plough, looked back: they compare him with Mr. Pife, & fear a repetition of the disaster he brought upon us. I have tried them that I will make careful inquiries, & I venture to turn to you. Understand that I am not seeking advice

at the same time to sell Pantops, a task rendered more difficult in spite of the beauty around Charlottesville and our fine view of the Blue Ridge, by the school-buildings, a disadvantage to private purchasers. However at last part is sold, with a good prospect of selling the rest.

For some years our friend Mr. Luther D. Wishard had offered to invest money for me, which he promised should bring me large returns. Personally I have very confi-

though if you feel inclined to give it. I shall be grateful. Understand also that in any case, I shall put no responsibility upon you, whatever results ensue. And also believe me that when I say that the information you give will be held in strictest confidence, I mean that I shall not only never say you told me, but that even my daughters, still less my Brothers or others, shall not even know I have asked you. And I am a woman who can keep counsel.

Now what I want to ask is this. Do you know of any who have made these investments Mr. Wishard recommends? if so with what result? Also has there been any reason, unknown to him, in Mr. Wishard's change

of business address from New York to Toronto, from Toronto to Vancouver?
My brothers argue that he has worn out confidence in each place. I do not believe it. But for their sake I am willing to ask for facts.

Now, dear Mr. Speer, I fully recognize that I am asking a great deal. I do it not because of our long acquaintance, because it has never been intimate

to me the difference between comfort and financial strain, & so it is of the utmost importance. And I shall be infinitely obliged to you if you can tell me what I need to know.

We came abroad last September, my two daughters and I, & have been living simply, studying in Paris, Rome and now in Germany. We expect to return the end of August, sailing the 30th for Philadelphia. But if you will be so good as to send me a line as soon as you

enough to justify any claim of friendship: but I do it because of the larger claim of brotherhood in Christ, which makes you so many ways a "helper of many", and brings the cause of the widow and orphan near to those who love & serve their God.

If this limited sum we are to receive can be safely put in Mr. Wishard's hands. it will mean

can find it convenient, or perhaps make inquiries. Will you address me Care Amer. Express Co. 11 rue Scribe - Paris. I regret the absence of an international stamp.

Everything concerning you has always been of the greatest interest to me since that long ago day when you paid your first visit to Pantops Academy and spoke to our boys: an interest deepened because your name and your work has been in my prayers ever since - Yours sincerely

(Mrs. John R.) Anne C. Sampson

Will you pray more for a young man here, a student of Christ that he may be led to see Jesus and give himself to our Master?

Sangster, Margaret E.

Mr. Speer

Glen Ridge, New Jersey,
January 24, 1908.

My dear Mr. Speer,

The interruption of an illness made its arrest upon my desire and purpose to write a memoir of dear Alice Jackson, and I have been obliged to postpone it indefinitely. I am glad that you intend to include her in the biographical sketches you are to write for the Student Volunteers. I found when attempting preliminary work that Alice had written singularly few letters, except to her home people, and her mother explained that those were so personal that nothing in them could be given for publication. I wrote to a number of her classmates and talked with other students and graduates of Smith who had come under her influence, but I gathered from them only impressions as elusive as the perfume of a flower, as difficult to fasten as the glancing of a wing. You knew Alice Jackson as intimately as I did, as her friend and neighbor,

and I fancy you will be able better than I to do justice to one of the strongest, loveliest and dearest girls whoever gave her life as an offering to her Master.

Miss MacColl of Christodora House can furnish you with some recollections, I am sure, of the year Alice spent there.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret E. Sangster

Savage, Mrs. ?

Joliet, Ill. March 30-02

Rev R. E. Speer

Dear Sir

Pardon the intrusion of a stranger & permit her to quote from a letter just received from my grandson Mr. Lincoln J. Savage 45 Broadway

I would like very much to cultivate the acquaintance of R. E. Speer who is in the same Building but I have only seen him once or twice, & fear he would not have much time to

to write on his admiring friend
I admire & enjoy his writings
very much & whenever I get an
chance to hear him speak I
do so!" Lay Christian he gave
me your little book entitled
"Behemoth Leon Christ!" This
is my introduction to you

My grandson has been
actively engaged in Christian
work. After he graduated from
the State University of Iowa
he was for two years Sec. of
the Ministerial B. M. C. A. Bud
since leaving that work in Phila
he has not found his proper
place & on my advice they
lead him only "into green pas-
tures." He is engaged in a certain
business just now but I want him to work in Iowa
about it entirely. He has
a brother Jno Erskine Savage
in the same office. They have
not connected themselves with
any church, altho they are
members of Baptist church
in Jeannette. O I could bear
to have them added to the
world & Christ! Dear Lord. has
been a very wicked young man
& had most auspicious open-
ing when he left Iowa. I do
not know how or why he was
alienated from his Christian
but my dear Brother in Christ
I can only hope & trust & pray God
bless their souls & give them
Mrs. S. F. Savage

Sawyer, R. A.

ROLLIN A SAWYER D D

MONTCLAIR,
NEW JERSEY.

Tuesday

[illegible] the speech,
Reading [illegible]
[illegible] on the [illegible] E. V. [illegible]
Evangelist. I am convinced, I
[illegible] in the interest of truth [illegible]
that I am [illegible] in [illegible]
you readers as to the feature
of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible] of [illegible]

The [illegible] of very
high standing & undoubted under-
standing has just said that
it would be the most important
of her life & mine age to have

And the Dr. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Thing
[illegible] [illegible] give a little

There is a peculiar [illegible] nothing in his
[illegible] expression of [illegible] to [illegible] or [illegible]
[illegible] because he is Catholic — [illegible]
because he is Christian [illegible]! [illegible]
[illegible], your article, by authority. Expressly [illegible]
[illegible]. — Upon it [illegible] [illegible] to the
[illegible]. The Tomb [illegible] of Buddha [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] more of [illegible] in the East, than
of anything else in [illegible] on Earth. It is this
[illegible] point that the [illegible] as well as the
[illegible] [illegible] has been [illegible].
such as Christian in the [illegible] should [illegible]
to [illegible] it, — to [illegible] it. You will see, [illegible] you
will [illegible] me. [illegible] Remembrances
[illegible] [illegible]

Japan "chief The Russians". For if the Japs only in Tsu-sima, they will never shake a finger to the civilized world, by their inscrutable system & their absolute dissociation as to make it necessary for one or all the christian powers to force in & thrash them into good behaviour.

And while I do not say that I know, I am able to opinion that to instance individual cases as a forward trend or pledge for the future, is too much like the methods used by some to create a public feeling that might not at new I miss a hopeless which time will crush.

Thanks for the interesting articles

Please note that my whole contention is for a larger view — one that does not lose itself in details

And that I am fully convinced of the duplicity of the Japanese representations, who will, the moment they dare do it, flout you & your [illegible] (might perhaps you chivalry hospital!)—

If Japan gains any sort of control in the East: by any means, it will put back christian civilization a hundred years or more. The only hope for the East is in Russian supremacy, in concert with Europe, & it is

[illegible]

... Davis Hun, Mr. Francis S. Brown, Mr. Charles Bragg, Dr. Frank W. Hahnlen, Miss Borie, Dr. Thomas Ashton, Mr. Edward Dudley, Mr. P. F. Rothermel and Mr. Benjamin Wolf.

Mr. Bispham's Recital.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Tuesday.—David Bispham gave a song recital in Infantry Hall to-night before a small but appreciative audience. He was warmly welcomed and received an ovation after his fine singing of Schumann's "Two Grenadiers."

Theatrical Jottings.

At the conclusion of Miss Viola Allen's engagement at the Knickerbocker Theatre, E. S. Willard will come to that playhouse, in Wilson Barrett's play, "Lucky Durham." When Mr. Willard's engagement concludes he will be followed by Miss Alice Jeffreys, an English actress, who will be seen in a play entitled "His Highness, My Husband."

Miss Mabel Taliaferro, who is now playing the rôle of Lovey Mary, in "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," at the Savoy Theatre, is to be transferred to Arnold Daly's company, which comes to the Garrick Theatre January 9, in George Bernard Shaw's play, "You Never Can Tell." Miss Taliaferro will be seen in the part of Dolly Clandon. Her rôle in "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" is to be taken by Miss Bessie Barriscale.

Miss Ida Brooks Hunt, prima donna of "Woodland," was ill and out of the cast at last night's performance at the Herald Square Theatre, her place being taken by Miss Sally Clayton.

Ole Bang, a young Norwegian dramatist at the Manhattan Theatre the afternoon of January 12, will give recitations from "Peer Gynt." Miss Oliva Dahl, a singer from Christiania, will assist in the programme with some vocal and instrumental music. The entertainment is under the patronage of several prominent New Yorkers.

Clyde Fitch is now at work on the dramatization of Alfred Henry Lewis' stories, entitled "Wolfville Days," which will be produced by Charles Frohman before the close of the present season.

MISS WADHAMS ENGAGED.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

ALBANY, N. Y., Tuesday.—Mr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Wadhams announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth to Mr. Garland Robinson, of Virginia.

Miss Maria Brady gave a dance this evening for forty young people at the Country Club, Mrs. E. Palmer Gavitt chaperoning the party. Miss Delehanty will give a dancing party of forty at the Country Club Thursday night.

In the combination skating and dancing party last night at the Country Club Mr. and Mrs. T. Howard Lewis gave the largest Christmas entertainment of the season. Their guests numbered sixty-five, all from the younger set.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Sage, Jr., of New York, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Dean Sage, of Menands.

NOTES FROM LAKEWOOD.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Tuesday.—Rain to-day put a stop to Lakewood's enjoyment of winter sports. Compelled to remain in doors, the holiday visitors found plenty of diversion in card parties, principally bridge. At the Lakewood Hotel, where Mr. and Mrs. John G. Carlisle and family, Mr. De Witt J. Seligman and Mr. H. Hayden Sands, of New York, are among recent arrivals, there were indoor tennis and squash tournaments, bowling competitions and a progressive euchre party with twelve tables in play.

There was a children's party at the Laurel House this afternoon. It was a very pretty affair and was attended by a large gathering of cottagers and hotel patrons. Mr. and Mrs. William Murray, of Larchmont, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Diamond, of New York, registered there to-day.

Hats that one must have for theatregoing. A special correspondent tells of them on the Woman's page of the TELEGRAM to-day.

When one meets the Russian at home the visitor is immediately whirled off, vainly protesting, to some country house, where he lives for months, treated as a crowned head not only by the host but by every member of the host's family and every one of his semi-feudal retainers.

In Japan he is shown an old kakimono containing some fantastic figure which looks like a tree, but which may represent a monkey, and is then invited to a draughty tea house, where he is served with food which he cannot eat, hears music that he detests, and is expected to squat for hours on the floor in a posture which becomes after a short time positively painful.

In short, the Russian is large and human and the Japanese is neither. At any rate, he is not picturesque. His Mikado, with his Napoleon III. beard and his borrowed European clothes, does not impress; his Itos and Okamas and Itagakis make one tired. His army no more interests after the first month or so than an army of tin soldiers all faultlessly got up in a Franco-German fashion and all worked by a mechanism that is well nigh perfect. They are brave, they are disciplined, they don't drink too much, they can live on next to nothing, their transport system is excellent, they are all that soldiers should be, and yet one very soon has had enough of them.

On the other hand, the Russians are far from perfect, but they never cease to interest. Even the Caucasians, who all drew their swords simultaneously when they heard the cannonading beginning at Liao-Yang in the expectation that they were to charge immediately, interest me more than their irreproachable opponents who knew as much about it as if they were all field marshals.

The triumph of Japan will mean the accentuation of all that is worst in our civilization, but it may do good by stripping war of all the gaudy trimmings with which our Western imaginativeness has decked it, for the Japanese will soon unite all languages, including their own, imperfectly, and ungrammatical, warlike descriptions are not as a rule impressive either in poetry or in prose. It will also deal Christianity a greater blow than Luther dealt Roman Catholicism, for half the colored Christians in the Far East would not be Christians if they had not been dazzled by the material power of the Christian nations.

Must Pamper Militarism.

Infidel Asia had long thought that to handle a Maxim gun properly one should first of all be baptized. Japan's success will make it change its opinion, and in order to meet the competition of inferior races Europe will have to pamper militarism even more than it does now, with the result that the higher life will suffer.

Has anybody considered what China and Corea will look like after a few years of Japan's tuition? They will be the caricature of a caricature! Either that or the development of China without the assistance of Japan will reduce the latter country to the condition of a Far Eastern Haiti.

I distrust Japan because she is so painfully correct. A nation that is correct has no conscience of its own. It learns from text books how bad it can be without breaking the laws, and then goes to the extreme limit allowed. It cannot of itself distinguish between right and wrong and must needs ascertain from outside sources.

When it is strong enough or proud enough to despise the opinion of outsiders it will placidly do things that will make the hair of nations stand on end. Why should Dai-Nippon pay any attention to what Greece or Rome said or to what Christianity teaches? Why should it trouble about Socrates when it has Mr. Takahashi Goro, of the Imperial University of Tokio?

The Japanese are good students, but they are as dry as dust, and I would sooner any day listen to the sad Slavonic songs of the Cossacks than to the voice of Major Takamura impressing on you something absolutely futile and unnecessary that he has learned from an imperfect translation of a dreary military treatise made in Germany.

Finally, something personal. People often say to me:—"You have lived four years in Japan, why didn't you go with the Japanese?" I always answer "Because I have been four years in Japan."

FRANCIS McCULLAGH.

There is something rather more heartening than your correspondent — yet it tells a truth & is so much in the line of my own views that I send an excerpt. In another part of the same letter he reiterates the opinion I quoted adding "if Lafcadio whispers now you will have to think a bit" etc.

Now I do not affirm the status of this man, but I do say that to leave it out of account, in trying to think people, is not only unjust, it is positively misleading.

The very worst thing for Christianity in the East is to have Japanese victims in this war.

Pray don't forget that in all you say & write —

Cordially. Rollin McNeill

29th Dec 1904

14 Ashley Place S.W.! Every why in your office!

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Dear Mr. Spurr,

I have been very friendly [illegible]

[illegible] I wished to [illegible]

[illegible] expense, its people ever since Perry opened the door & let us look inside. And I had a good teacher in Mr. Wells Williams who knew China like a book & who was Griffis' master & also his critic. What I want you heartily the other day, for which I perhaps should apologize, was an simple [illegible] expression of the encouragement you seemed to give and to the current pietistic sentimentality, of which we have a surfeit & which is put forward in religious meetings, as the significant Christian aspect of the [illegible] "message". We have a lot of Scotch & Dutch Calvinists in the Presbyterian church who talk of [illegible] as the agents of Satan oppressing the poor Japs as children of light. So I shall rest at you, for nothing in a

way to take care them. The principal part is that a lot of unprincipled englishmen set the Japanese fright upon, or flattering this warlike [illegible] spirit, & hopeing [illegible] crushing Russia, [illegible] Japan [illegible] out of [illegible] would be good for a time.

But Japan is greatly at fault as all statesmen seem, & she will pay for this attempt to bully Russia, a power which she is ill able to bear.

I think Japan a most interesting Mediterranean field. Lots, one much as [illegible] to surprise our readers, points a good deal.

You remember the Chinaman who had taken chemistry explained to him & came back the next day to say that he had looked into the thing & found it all there!

The Japs will really tell you where they have learned one situation. [illegible] to bend them pretty; "We are short-sighted you, we can do more & are not as clever as you westerns". Thank you for sending your book. Let the others have some & read of course, "with salt". The Chinamen are pitiful, they have exposition, when they have been well whipped. [illegible]

Kind regards

Sayford, A. M.

OFFICE OF THE
EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION
OF NEW ENGLAND
ROOM 519 TREMONT TEMPLE
BOSTON, MASS.

Dec 8 1906

My Dear Robert:

Echoes of your fine address at our Banquet last January are still heard. 3500 have been printed and all but 150 have been distributed. We have had calls for it from all parts of the country — a number of copies being ordered from California. We gave permission to "Daily Bible", in wh. it was published. And the "Bible Student & Teacher" as well as "The Pacific" published it in full.

No man has rendered better service to the cause of our Lord Jesus in

New England thro a public address.

And now my dear fellow I am writing you to come again. If it is a possible thing please do not deny my request. We are closing the best year in the Assn's history. Our annual mtg will be held in Jany. and if convenient for you I should like to make it Wednesday the 23rd. If you are engaged for that evening please state what evening you can come.

In happy anticipation of a favorable reply

Yours fraternally

S. M. Jayford

Expect to visit "Lafayette," "Dickinson" & "Bucknell" in early Feby —

Schauffler, Julia B.

ROBERT E. SPEER
ENGLEWOOD, N. J.

Her Honor. J. B. Schauffler. Presiding Judge.

Prisoner at the bar. R. E. Speer

Presiding Judge.- "Prisoner at the bar, stand up. Well, I am glad you are ashamed of yourself. You ought to be. Don't you know that Elisha never turned water into oil?"

Prisoner at the bar:- "Yes, your Honor, I know it — now that you speak of it."

Judge:- "Well, then, why did you say in 'The Congregationalist' that he did?"

Prisoner:- "Please, your Honor, the joke is on 'The Congregationalist.'"

Judge:- "Don't be flippant, Prisoner. You wrote the article and you are responsible. 'The Congregationalist' is published in Boston and could not be expected to know any better but you enjoyed a religious upbringing and had a pious mother-in-law. Speak seriously. What have you to say for yourself?"

Prisoner:- "Nothing, your Honor. I am undone, a guilty wretch full of shame and penitence."

Judge:- "Have you nothing to say in extenuation?"

Prisoner:- "Please, your Honor, the Foreign Board is suffering from a very heavy deficit and three of my children have chicken pox and I have been so distracted that I have scarcely known the difference between Elisha and Eliku and Eliphaz."

Judge:- "Don't be foolish, the circumstances which you mention are wholly irrelevant. Can you say nothing pertinent?"

Prisoner:- "Yes, your Honor, I am a temperate man. I change their in terms of water. I

am not like that latitudinarian hymnal Abbot who talks of crape & copper & that civil man Roosevelt intoxicates with milk & Goodsoup Halsey who is a specialist in oil and whose whole thought and book account are saturated with it. and —

Judge: "Stop right there, Prisoner. I know Goodsoup Halsey's failings and his designs better than you and he will stand to be judged before a higher and sterner tribunal than this. Let him alone. What have you to say about your own crime?"

Prisoner:— "I have to say - first, that I said Elisha and not Elijah. Not one person out of a thousand would have known as much as that. Second - In these days when everyone is taking the miracle out of the Old Testament I think I deserve a little mercy for putting some more miracle in. Third - Nobody but you knows that I made a mistake. Fourth —

Judge:— "Stop! Do you think that —— But it is not necessary to argue with one who is so clearly guilty and without excuse. Sheriff, off with his head.

Prisoner: "Forgive, just Judge. But do you think that it is humane to gloat over a poor fellow mortal who has fallen into error without malice or evil intention. I am afraid that with my head off entirely, I shan't make yet more

mistakes

Exit for execution.

Sheriff (returning hastily): Your Honor, the prisoner died of a broken heart on the way to execution

Judge:— Alas. he deserved a harsher end. But hush, is not that the prisoner's voice?

The Shade of the Prisoner:— Why don't you say Dr. Greenpell too? Read his article. Forgive, and please give the regards of a Shade, unhappy but at peace, to Dr. Schauffler.

515 MADISON AVENUE

Nov. 16. 1914

My dear Mr. Speer,

As you speak of Mr. Moody's having a sermon on Elisha, turning the water into oil, I suppose that miracle must be somewhere in the Bible, but I am not able to find it!

Yours faithfully,

Julia B. Schauffler

Schauffler, Julia R.

515 MADISON AVENUE

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My dear Mr. Lee

Will you thank the [illegible] for the help in the Friendship Fund, and the children from Miss Hickey-[illegible], have not been able to reach you since I returned. We had [illegible] a good laugh over the story of the [illegible],

not [illegible] you [illegible] of. [illegible] if I
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
for him! [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
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Yours very faithfully,

Edward R. Churchill

Schell, William

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SENECA FALLS, N. Y.

WILLIAM P. SCHELL, MINISTER

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MR. SPEER.

Seneca Falls, N.Y.,
July 8, 1907.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
New York City,

My dear Mr. Speer:-

Two months ago I accepted a call to this church in Seneca Falls and am now hard at work here. I have been on the ground long enough to understand the Missionary needs and possibilities of the church and wish to write you just a line about them. This church has a membership of 587, about 50 of whom are absentees and hence inactive. We have easily 500 members "in good and regular standing", yet the church this past year gave only $240.00 to Foreign Missions. The reason for it is due (1) to the fact that for four months it had no minister; and (2) to the fact that they have had no system of taking offerings, merely an offering the last Sunday of the month. I have already persuaded the Session to institute Weekly Systematic Giving in the Fall, as a result of which I expect the offerings to treble or quadruple next year. The church has never been adequately informed about missions nor has it ever had (or at least not recently) any inspiring Missionary addresses. You will be doing me a great favor and the church a lasting good if you can possibly manage to give us a Sunday during the coming Fall or Winter. I know how busy you are and how crowded your time is; but I do hope that you can speak here some Sunday. Squeeze it into any itinerary you may be taking, choose your own Sunday, and I think we can fall in with any plan you make. Mr. McConaughy has already promised me that he will come and help us, but no other man on the Board or in the church can fill <u>your</u> place; and I shall be keenly disappointed if you cannot come.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SENECA FALLS, N. Y.

WILLIAM P. SCHELL, MINISTER

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It gave me great pleasure to see and hear you in Omaha. It was a great Convention and I believe that it ushered in a new era for Missions in the Church.

With best wishes to Mrs. Speer and yourself and hoping that we may have you with us during the coming Winter,

Very sincerely yours,

William P. Schell

Schniewind, F.

Englewood, Sept. 9th 1906.

My dear Mr. Speer:

When I come only at this late date to answer your kind and noble letter, then I do not need to apologize. An inexorable fate has taken your little daughter from you and your soul has been torn like ours. We feel the deepest sympathy with you. – I have been unable for weeks to thank my friends for their touching

expressions of sympathy, and my letter to you is even one of the last. While I write it the anxious hours pass again before my eyes, during which we hoped with you when our good Dr. Holmes brought good tidings from your home, and how we sorrowed with you when hope seemed to vanish – even as your heart went out to us. –

We feel with you as we have suffered with you. When grief seemed to over-

power us, in the long, sleep-
less nights my thoughts
wandered to you. -

I have found strength in
the thought of my duties
to others, who depend upon
me. The grief must be mastered
so that these duties can be
fulfilled. I remembered a
true man; in one day he
lost six of his seven children.
He did not abandon himself
to despair; he recognized
his duty to his wife and
remaining child and he

found the courage to live, in order to provide for and comfort them. –

Solamen miseris socios habuisse malorum. –

I hope sincerely that you found consolation in the thoughts which your kind letter to us expressed, and I assure you again of our heartfelt sympathy.

Very faithfully yours

F. Schniewind.

Schule, S.C.

Resht. Persia. Mch. 18. 1907.

To the Pastor,-

From the accompanying letter, as well as from American news papers you will believe, I am sure, that the long expected answer to prayers in behalf of Persia is beginning to be visibly evident. Answers to prayer lead us to thanksgiving and to still more earnest prayer. I would request you to lead the people of your church in more and more prevailing prayer for this land which is so destitute of those blessings that by us are the most highly prized.

Faithfully yours

M. C. Schule,

Resht.
Persia. Asia.
via Berlin and Baku.

25 pastors (chemung-)

Resht, Persia. March 18. 1907

Dear Friends, -

In my last letter to you I wrote of the great reform movement in Persia. The situation to-day is somewhat complicated. For convenience sake consider that there are four factors or parties. (1) The conservatives, who are in favor of a return to the old conditions just as they were. (2) The chief religious leaders, (3) The great land owners, and (4) The common people.

The reform movement began with the religious leaders who felt that the government had encroached upon their rights. These were at once joined by large numbers of the people - lower ecclesiastics, merchants, tradesmen etc. By means chiefly of "passive resistance" these succeeded in securing from the late King the promise of a constitution and representative assemblies - national and local. As soon as the national assembly was called and work begun on the constitution the religious leaders saw that in a popular assembly they would be in the minority; that they had started a movement which they could not control. Immediately many of them - notably the chiefs among them - began to oppose the movement. The great land owners had opposed it from the beginning because they knew it would limit their power, for in Persia many of the great land owners resemble to a large

degree the feudal lords of the Middle Ages. Consequently the movement has resolved itself into a struggle with "the people" on one side, the conservatives, the chief religious leaders, and the great land proprietors on the other. However, the three parties making up the opposition are not united except on the one issue - opposition to the present reform movement.

That the present is a time of crisis in this land is evident to all the world. Can it be possible that Persia is to pass through this crisis successfully and without bloodshed? "With God all things are possible." ~~But~~ Some hope and pray. But the changes thus far effected are only the beginnings of what must come if Persia is to take her place among the enlightened nations of the world. There are many people who believe that the present attempt at reform will yet end in complete failure and defeat. There are others who believe that a new and better day has already dawned in this land. There is abundant need ~~that God~~ for earnest prayer that God will guide the new King of Persia and the Persian people.

One of the tangible results of the recent changes is an almost insane desire on the part of many people for western education. As illustrative of this, some days ago the two directors, practically owners, of one of the Persian schools of Resht came to see me and formally offered me the superin-

tendency of their school. It is not a large school - has about fifty pupils all Mohammedans - but the incident illustrates conditions.

I can close this letter in no more fitting way than to ask you to continue instant in prayer for this land which ~~need~~ so sorely needs guidance in its struggle for new life and bettered conditions.

Faithfully yours

H. C. Schulz

Sister Katherine E. 11-8-03
Pembroke West
Bryn Mawr

My dear Mr Speer.

Miss Thomas has told us that you are coming down to speak at college chapel January sixth. Miss Van Wagenen and I would be very glad if on that occasion you would dine with us in Pembroke West.

Our work is progressing at last. The new organization is to become an actual fact Monday November sixteenth when those who at Silver Bay declared their intention of forming a new society

the Messiah'. And he brought him to Jesus".
This will plainly explain the purpose of the League. We think it best to subordinate the basis issue on which we have argued so long to that is after all the real end of the basis. The constitution is to be simple at first. This is the main plan.

Article I. Name

i. The name of this organization shall be: "The St. Andrew League." "He findeth first etc."

ii The above quotation explaining the name shall be considered as a subtitle and as such affixed to the name on all official matter.

Article II. Purposes

i The purposes of every individual member of this league shall be:

(1) To bring into personal relationship with Jesus Christ as God, and as only Saviour and Lord of their lives, others ~~students~~ who do not so know Him.

(2). To invigorate the spiritual life of the League by acknowledging the necessity for the surrender of the individual will to God the Father and for the control of the individual life by the Holy Spirit

(3) To work for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ throughout the whole world.

will meet and draw up the constitution which they will sign as framers. The next evening all those who are known to be interested in the movement will meet, the constitution will be presented to them and they will be given a chance to join as charter members.

Last Tuesday and Wednesday Miss Van Wagenen, Miss Oltman, and I spent in Wilmington with Miss Shearman and Miss Day working over the constitution. We have decided to name the society "The St. Andrew League" which title will be explained by this quotation, to be always printed under it on all official matter. "He first findeth his own brother Simon and saith unto him", We have found

Article III Membership

i. Active -

ii. Every active member of the league in signing the constitution accepts as her own the purposes laid down in Article III

iii Associate.

Miss Shearman is going to consult Mr Mott about the exact wording of the basis so that when other things are ready there may be no difficulty in affiliating with any body belonging to the W. S. C. T.

We shall start with as simple an organization as possible a president secretary and chairman of meetings committee and we shall provide in the

Miss Sherman, Miss Bromell, Miss Day and possibly the two Miss Cranes will come up to help us form. I think we will probably go to Miss Thomas between the drawing up of the constitution and the charter meeting.

Mr Hicks was here a fortnight or so ago and gave us a great deal of help especially on the problem of our relations to the Christian Union. The way seems clearer this year than ever before as there is no distinct rallying point for inside opposition. We trust that what is to be done is going to mean much to the eastern colleges as well as to Bryn Mawr.

May I ask you to give my regards to Mrs Speer and little Elliot.

Very sincerely yours—

Katharine E. Scott

November 8, 1903.

constitution for an advisory board of three alumnae each to serve three years, a new one being appointed each year as the term of one expires.

We intend to have our meetings with a certain degree of formality and to begin with the general confession the general thanksgiving and the Lord's prayer. This will emphasize the element of worship as it has never been emphasized in our Christian Union meetings. Miss Bronnell has suggested the use of the series of studies "Christ Among Men" for a series of meetings. We think this will give a definite reason for them as well as keep the purposes clearly before our minds.

Scott, Katharine E.

11-15-03

My dear Mr Speer -

I cannot allow you to be longer under the impression unfortunately conveyed by my letter that we intended to form an association on any other but an evangelical basis. That basis was the very starting point of our conception and if we intend to make it secondary in any sense it is that the real aim of the association declaring our faith and leading others to a faith in Christ may be emphasized more than the mere

purpose :- to read. "It shall be the purpose of every individual member of this league :- To declare her belief in Jesus Christ, as God and as our Saviour and Lord of her life, and to bring in to personal relationship with him others who do not so know him".

The third purpose will stand but the second needs revision as to the wording. Miss Shearman is due this evening and we intend to work on it again.

As to the name we feel that "The St Andrew League" expresses such a relation to the Christian union as we wish to express for the present and when the time comes when there is but one association we may be able to get back our old name. Any name with "Christian" in it implies that the other is not Christian as it seems to us. Further the name of "St Andrew League" cannot be twisted and as it is we it shields our purpose from being bandied around. As to the episcopal sound the name was not chosen by episcopalians but if you are to regard your largest constituency it would be an advantage rather than a disadvantage since ~~t~~ fully a third of the college is episcopalian

to that end - the evangelical basis. Margaret Shearman consulted her Mott not with any idea of having or not having the evangelical basis but in order to have that basis worded in strictest accord with the W. S. C. F. We have copied it verbatim from the constitution of the Y. M. C. A. and shall of course adopt the Portland Resolution of which you spoke as our definition. I am sorry that I was not more clear in my letter.

Both Miss Cramer came up yesterday and we have been working on the purposes with this result so far.

Dr Tompkins, who was out here last Wednesday, advised us to go to Miss Thomas the first thing so we have made an appointment for tomorrow evening - He thought she would not oppose -

When the constitution is finally in shape and adopted I will send you a copy - I want to thank you now for your very kind letter -

Very sincerely yours -

Katharine E. Scott.

Pembroke West, Bryn Mawr

November 15, 1903.

SEMPLE CASE

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Sunday Feb. 8th
1914.

My dear Robert Speer —

I want you to have something of Oscar's to keep in memory of the beautiful service you gave to us for his sake.

This race, marked with your

initial, as you see, has stood for years on the mantel shelf in Oscar's bed-room & has held the flowers brought by those who loved him which never failed in giving at least a moments cheer —

The children & I join in love & affectionate appreciation of all the kindness shown us by both you and Emma — Faithfully yours —

Jonathan by Donald

(Shearman) Margaret

1600 WEST SEVENTH STREET,
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

Mr. Speer.

January 25 1909

Dear Rob.

I cannot reply to your letter of this morning, without first thanking you for your New Year's thought of me. I was about to send for your sketch of Alice Jackson's life, when it came. Thank you for adding to the inspiration her life has already been to me. I must be only

one of a great many who thank you to having written it.

As for your inquiry about Murray Howland, again, I find it hard to answer.

[Mother and I have talked it over and we cannot see that his mother's and father's ill health need, in any way, interfere with his work. His father is distinctly bitter, as is shown by the fact that he has been advanced from a volunteer to a salaried position of responsibility at the George Junior Republic. Only with his own family does he seem to have any mental trouble.

Mrs Howland is very ill mentally. We know this only confidentially. She grows no better, and I think there is little hope of her recovery. But she, too, is not at home, but in some sanatarium, and beyond the natural responsibility, I think Murray is free

to do his work. The care, I think, is less now, than at the beginning of his father's and mother's illnesses.

As to his matrimonial intentions, please Sir, I know nothing and have heard no gossip! It seems to me I have heard he took the oath of celibacy with other renegades like Mr Roswell Bates, but one usually hears that of all bachelor ministers. The Church Committee's kindly concern is the first explanation I have heard of the otherwise amazingly hasty consolation of various rejected young ministers. I wish I could help. The Committee to find a wife] With love from us both

Margaret.

1600 WEST SEVENTH STREET,
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

Emma wrote the other day asking if I had borrowed your Peabody's "Jesus Christ and the Social Question" and Matheson's "St Paul." I can put you on the track of the first. Karline says Louise has it — but the second I do not know anything about. I wish I owned it myself. I have been looking for it for

several years, in all second-hand shops that I know. I do hope you will come upon it soon.

Seriously about Murray Howland and a wife, I really do not know anything about him or them.

Do tell Emma she ought to stop off with us going to Baltimore. We need her badly.

With much love
Margaret.

SEP 20 1905

Sherlock, B.
25 - Howland Ave Toronto
Ont -

Dear Bro Speer

Yesterday I mailed to you, care of Fleming H Revell, your publishers, a communication being a Review of your "Remember Jesus Christ" I find that I unadvertently failed to put in the envelope the last page of what I had written ~~Further~~ Finding it on my table today I hasten to send it that you may have the complete representation of my thought on the matter

Yours faithfully

B Sherlock

7. "Remember Jesus Christ", who as "the Man Christ Jesus," stepped out of the way to make room for the Holy Ghost who does a greater work than the man Christ Jesus could possibly do. John 16—7 to 15.

8. "Remember Jesus Christ" who after giving his Apostles commission to "go into all the world and disciple all nations," commanded them to Tarry in Jerusalem until they should be "clothed with power from on high" which power came when the Holy Ghost came upon them, Luke 24-49 Acts 1-8

9. "Remember Jesus Christ", because "being by the right hand of God "exalted he has poured forth this," — this gift of the Holy Ghost as a Person to all flesh — Acts 2-17. + 33.

10. "Remember Jesus Christ" who "began to do and teach" Acts 1-1 but who continues to do and teach through believers filled with the Holy Ghost. "Greater works," because he has gone to the Father John 14-12,

11. "Remember Jesus Christ". Yes! but unless you are filled with the Holy Ghost, your remembrance of Him will be like your memory of a dead relative or friend; "after the flesh". "Wherefore if any man is in Christ he is a new creature". 2 Cor 5-17, and the new creature knows "no man after the flesh, even though we have known Christ after the flesh yet now we know him so no more", "Verily — Christian remembering comes to pass in those who have received

(over)

the Paraclete who "brings to your remembrance all that I (Christ) said", John 14. 26 and takes of Mine" (Christ) and shall declare "it unto you", ch 16. 14.

— 12. "Remember Jesus Christ." never separated from the Holy Spirit from his conception in the womb of Mary till Pentecostal days, and never to be separated while man's probation on earth continues.

— 13. Remember Jesus Christ" thus, - honestly, and you will find that he who declines to be filled with the Holy Ghost as Pentecostal Christians were insults Jesus by rejecting his offered gift. And he who ignores him as you do !!! — Well! cease now! Accept HIM to do in you all those Divine things that he alone can do and without which you are below the level of Pentecostal believers, and still in the pre-christian Dispensation.

Yours faithfully

B. Sherlock

25. Howland Avenue, Toronto Ont. Sep 1905

from on high by the anointing of the Holy Ghost that came on him at his baptism. — Matt 3-16.17, Mark 1-10.11, Luke 3-21-22. Acts 10. 38. — — 3. "Remember Jesus Christ" whose mightiest achievement according to John the Baptist his inspired forerunner, was that he "baptized with the Holy Ghost" those that waited in faith for that baptism. Matt 3-11, Mark 1-8, Luke 3. 16, and John 1. 33. Then compare Acts 1-5 with 2.4..

— 4. "Remember Jesus Christ" who even previous to Pentecost could assure the preachers that he sent out, that the Holy Ghost would teach them what to say when brought to trial, and that because of that fact they should not premeditate, Matt 10-18.19.20 Mark 13. 11, Luke 12-11.12.

5. "Remember Jesus Christ" who because of the superior and Supreme Importance of the HOLY Spirit in the Scheme of Salvation, declared, Matt 12-31, Mark 3.-28.29, Luke 12-10, that he that blasphemes against the Holy Ghost will never be forgiven, although he that speaks against the Son of Man (himself) could be forgiven.

— 6. "Remember Jesus Christ" who prayed the Father for the Holy Ghost, because he saw the imperative need of him in order to the success of his redeeming work for man.

(Baptist Mission) Yachow, Szechuan Prov., W. China

Oct. 18/1909.

My dear Mr. Speer,

We have had a most severe loss in the missionary force of west China lately, in the sudden and unexpected death of dear Dr Z. S. Loftis, of the Christian Mission, at Batang. Dr Loftis had been at his station just 7 weeks when the end came - from a combination of small-pox and typhus fever.

I think you must have known him; he was studying medicine in Nashville, Tenn, at the time of the S.V. Convention ~~met~~ there, and had ~~some~~ charge of some of the arrangements, I think. I am not sure whether he did any secretary work for the volunteer movement or not.

In my morning meditations I have been reading those touching & inspiring short biographies of "Young men who overcame", and the thought has occurred to me that by all means the story of Dr Loftis' life & death should be written for the young men of America. Such a wonderfully Christ-like life

lives on after the body dies and brings forth fruit "an hundred fold." Without doubt some memorial will be written about him — when & by whom I do not know, for I do not know who his friends & family are. But this is just a suggestion that, by all means it should be written so that the young men of America, especially the student body can procure it.

I cannot tell you how much Dan Lofti has helped me. On his way to Batang (29 days travel from here) he stayed in our home about 2 weeks. He was one of those rare men — a combination of the social man — with the deepest spiritual life; of splendid equipment & training and the highest ideals. In the two or three letters I received from him on his journey in and after his arrival — after modestly telling of the difficult travel over those high altitudes and awful mountain passes, his visit to the "Living Budda"; & his final quarters, over "a pig-sty"; he says he would not change places with <u>any man</u>

living, and thanked the Father above for such a privilege as was given him to work in so needy a field. He was a hero, a true gentleman, his deep spiritual nature living constantly in touch with the Master.

I have felt his loss almost as keenly as that of a brother; we had so many plans we hoped to work out together. (even tho we were about a month apart). I do not know of any one coming out to the field recently better prepared in so many ways - than Dr Lofbis. He was a good doctor, an expert chemist and Pharmacist, a specialist in Botany & had been in the wholesale drug mfg work at home.

But God knew him better than we did - and I believe his work was finished and that his life will mean more for these difficult fields - in its willing and joyful sacrifice than perhaps it would mean by long years of service.

We are out here - 60 days travel from Shanghai - in a wonderful country & wonderful opportunity. I have my medical

missionaries in our mission for about 4 or 8,000,000 of people. West China is surely the best of all China, and things are moving here too: Police, Telegraph, Schools, & all, similar to those elsewhere in China. We thank God for the opportunity of coming here to carry on the work laid down by the death of Dr Brinton Borlis of Phila. two years ago.

You may not perhaps recall my face as clearly as I do yours — but we often met in the Volunteer Union meetings of Philadelphia & at Univ. of Penna.

This letter may be wholly out of place as regards Loftis' biography; but I feel constrained so to write — for such a life as his should not pass without giving the American College & University student the inspiration which comes from it. Perhaps correspondence with the Nashville church which supported him will give light on what is to be done regarding a memorial. I have some of his letters that might be used if they are desired.

We send you a cordial invitation to come & see us; Chengtu is but 4 days away, & you will surely see it some day we hope.

My wife & little boy (2 yrs old) are with me.

Cordially
Dr Edgar T. Shields

Simon, F.

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Valparaiso, 12th August 1910

RECEIVED
SEP 1910
Mr. Speer.

Mr.Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Avenue
New-York

Dear Mr.Speer,

It has been a great pleasure to me to receive your welcome lines dated 21st.March,to which I would have replied long since had it not been for some reason which I shall explain in due course.

I postponed replying from one day to another,then the time of our half yearly balance arrived when we have hardly a moment to spare.

I am pleased to see how much you enjoyed your trip across the tropics,such a journey leaves in every sense an everlasting impression.

At the same time I notice that you have been deeply affected by seing the degraded state of so-called christendom and perhaps may you take some interest in these people,being instrumental that the light of the gospel may shine on them.

These nations I trust will before many years pass by,be more closely connected to your country to which they will be a source of prosperity and wealth;I believe now is the time to endeavour to work also for their spiritual wellfare.

I take a most lively interest in all that concerns their moral improvements and shall be happy to learn that the people of the U.S.get informed about the real state of things in South and Central America.

The little book of which you are the author has duly come to hand and myself and family frequently enjoy its reading.Please accept my best thanks

for your attention.

I have now to explain the delay in answering your letter; the reason is that my wife and daughter (stepdaughter) are desiring to make a trip to the U.S. what they intended to do in May last but got postponed month after month.

They have at last made up their mind to leave Chile about the end of this month to arrive in New-York in October.

I need not tell you how much I am concerned and anxious about them both who are all that is dear to me in the world. My daughter is just over twenty and wishes to improve her voice, in case of success perhaps take part in some thing to her interest. She has a fine soprano voice and had excellent teaching under the best italian masters, who never cease to praise and to encourage her to undertake this trip. Both ladies are little accustomed to travel large distances and this always in my company, more so in a city like N-York will they perhaps be in need of friendly advice.

I have therefore taken the liberty to address them with a letter of introduction to your goodself and would ask you to kindly furnish them with any information they may be in need of.

It is impossible for me to express how much I will appreciate and thank you for all kind attention with which you may be good enough to favor them.

On my part I beg to offer you my services for any thing I may be useful to you on this coast, I need not tell you how happy I shall be to be able to reciprocate.

Believe me, Dear Mr. Speer

Yours very truly

Kindly remember me to Mr. Cook.

Messrs. Nessel Duval & Co. Broad Street, New-York will be pleased to answer any enquiry relating to myself.

Mr. & Mrs. F. Simon

Calle Cochrane C. 1.° 16

Selma von Allock

W. T. Stinson

Simpson, A. R.

TELEPHONE - 2580.
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52 QUEEN STREET,
EDINBURGH.

22/X/09

Dear Mr. Speer,

We are looking forward to your Edin. work with great interest.

It will be a great gratification to my wife & myself if you will make our house your home when you come. It is emptied now of all our children except our daughter, & as Lady Simpson is very much of an invalid we keep things very quiet.

We can put two rooms at your disposal & you will be as free as in any hotel or lodging. and with us in any case till you have time to look round.

"you" includes, of course, your sister-in-law. The library could be at your service to receive visitors.

Grace, mercy & peace be with you.

Yours very faithfully

A. Tennyson.

Simpson, M.S.

"Two men looked out through prison bars;
One saw mud - the other stars."

With every good wish
for 1903
from M. S. Simpson

52 Queen Street
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Singer, J. N.

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Very Dear and Precious Brother in Christ;-

I have spoken of you always as the man, who in my opinion, is the nearest to God in our City today. By that I mean that though others are or may-be "on the way", still you have made as great and sometimes even greater progress than the best of God conscious people. Your influence is like the light of the most distant sun stars; your travels have been to the Glory of Our Father and the wondrous promotion of the Cause of Jesus the Christ. You have been the Messenger of the Most High and the Unifying Force that has welded Human Life to the Divine.

Is it any wonder then that I should entrust my temporal, spiritual, intellectual and social welfare to your confidence in the hope and faith and soul love to soul that you could and would now and forever enlighten me and suggest to me how to make the most of it.

I believe it could be done at once. I am able and willing to do my full duty. Where is my (not only the best) but MY VERY BEST OPPORTUNITY? May Our Heavenly Father help us to find it.

Your Loyal Brother in Christ J. N. Singer.

God is Love,

by

C. N. Singer.

God is Love, I can succeed
He will supply my every need
The cruel crosses I have borne
May mean a crown without a thorne.

God is Love and I have missed
Many a flower the sun hath kissed
Still my bleeding soul aspires
To the noblest ends and right desires.

God is Love and I am clad
Still my conscience is glad
And from the soil comes useful bread
And worthy life from off the dead.

God is Love. He means to raise
His Faithful lowly Sons to praise
He gives the Holy Spirit on request
To them who love the sinner best.

He is Love. What can I do?
Only suffer through and through?
Nay! He loves me more than that
He keeps my place. Where am I at?

Skinner, Mrs. John H.

Charlton N. Y.
June 26th 1911.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
Dear Sir & friend.

Friend, because you say so many good words about your Master & Mine, your Saviour & my Saviour.

How much meaning this is in the word friend. Through the kindness of a friend it has been made possible for me to read four of your books. The Deity of Christ - Christ & Life - The Master of the Heart - & Christian Ideals. One my daughter has, who is a teacher in Flushing - The last one given me & Christian Habits was read at one sitting, four of us were together, two sisters & their husbands & when Mr. Speer finished the book he then it was into a lab - saying - "that is a good Book" to which

(all being Entitled) we said Amen.
Yesterday I read all of it again & shall often read a chapter or two when I feel especially drawn toward the Counsel it contains. I have your picture cut from a News Paper. I think the Christian Herald & keep it in one of your books. I like to look at it & think there is a man on whom God has laid his hand & filled his heart & soul full of love & righteousness & true holiness, & he knows how to pass it on to others. I am grateful to you for the good I have received from reading your books, & shall try by word & by my life to pass the good along.

It is not probable that we shall meet in this world for I have passed the limit "Three score years & ten." If I could take you by the hand & give you the hand-shake that has the heart throb in it, I

Should be glad, as it is I can only give you a warm Thank you in paper. May God keep you in health & strength for many years to come, & at last Crown you. Crown you, with Eternal Life.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. John H. Skinner.

Hagaman

N. Y.

Editor hope you will read and take this as an inducement to industry.

Yours S. H. S.

COMING EVENTS

AND

THE DAY OF DAWN

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When we bloom and fade away
We leave all things behind
All our joys and sorrows
Our good and evil acts
These things we cannot will
They are the heritage we leave
To those we leave behind;
When we justify Gods righteousness
We will hang our legal Burglars
And crucify their Prelates
On the Cross which they defile
With their folklore,fables,miracles
And the capitalization of the murder,
By Saints of hell - devine
As Lord and God the Saviour
Of their inherited crimes
Which they passed on and on
Until the day of dawn.
When these debts are paid
We will turn from war to peace
And use our strength and power
To see Gods laws obeyed,
His Love it rules the Earth

The Heaven of Mankind,
It is a Supreme reality
From which there is no escape
Ignored by Faith - the blind
Who will awake to find
That religious plunderbunck
Of body,mind and soul
Home,food and things they wear
Is their attending poverty
Of faithfulness and neglect
Their misery and despair.
The visionary Saints of crime
Rabbis,Priests and Ministers
The Traffic Squads of Hell
Who lead them into darkness
In Heaven where they dwell,
Where they collect the toll
While the Burglars get the roll,
Are over due for their heaven
They will surely get the air;
Just before the day of dawn
The Cock will crow loud and strong
And the welcher at their Golden Gate
Saint Peter,he'll beat it and abscond
Then their Abattoirs of darkness
Will turn to Temples of Light
Where knowledge and the realities

Of Life will be extolled,
There will be no more disintegration
Of body,mind and soul.
Your are working in a place
That'you all know very well,
In your dressed up poverty
Or your daily rags of toil,
It's the Morgue in business
There are funny things in Hell;
Your home and occupations
Are sacred things of Life
Where all duties are a pleasure
Serving each and each other
This profits each and everyone
Without graft and devestation.
More sacred things of Heaven
And the sufferings of Hell
Will be revealed in time ,
When more ink is mixed with fire
Then from,mind,tongue and pen
Will flow gentle streams of lava
With their gracious mud and slime
Of hypocracy lust and crime.
Forget the story of Adam and his Apple
How he passed the buck to dear wife-Eve
We have many Prelates in our Gardens
Who devour our Russets and our Pippens

They are going to get the gate,
Out of Eden, they will find the Cross
It's the Gallows and the Electric Chair
They will answer all their prayers
And forgive their prey and lust
Just before these Saints return to dust

Samuel Sloan

507, West Street
New York City

May, 21st, 1927

Dr Robert E Speer
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Smith

My Dear Speer

I wanted so much to see you before leaving for a long trip west but you were away & I could not.

At Princeton the other day Fred R. Smith said that in conversation with him you strongly advised him against Assn work & peculiarly so in reference to the Religious work. I am sure there is some extenuating circumstance that he does not or at least did not understand but I wished so much to see you and only plead four weeks absence from us as an excuse for writing.

We are working very hard to keep vital spiritual truth in the

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place of chiefest prominence in the Assn's & no one man in No America, outside the ranks of Secretaries, has been quoted so often, as have you, as the stalwart friend of this phase of the movement. It would be untrue to say that it did not hurt for it was like a shot, in the heat of battle, from one of your own company.

I will see you as soon as I can.

God bless you in your great work

Sincerely

Fred B. Smith

En route West

May. 29, 07

Smith, James MacG.

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New York, June 27th, 1910.

Robert E. Speer, D. D.
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

On the evening when we reached Moville at the end of our delightful voyage on the Caledonia, Captain Baxter gave me a record of the ship's log which he had prepared for Mrs. Speer and which he requested me to hand to her. I was unable to find either of you that night or the following morning and I now enclose it with a request that you deliver it to Mrs. Speer with the compliments of Captain Baxter. It is of particular interest as this is the record passage of the Caledonia to the Eastward in point of time, as it certainly was in other respects. Our return home was fairly pleasant but marred by considerable fog.

Please accept my congratulations upon the distinguished honor which I hear was conferred upon you in Edinburgh. With kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

James MacGregor Smith

Smith, John

East Northfield Mass.
Tuesday December 28, 1909.
Mr Robert E. Speer,
Dear Sir:- I thought that I would write you a few lines and hope that you may be very well when they may have reached you. With these few lines I will send three pieces which I write and I want you to read them and if you think they amount to any thing I would like you to remark each one left out and if you can make any improvement on each piece do so I know you can but if you chose not to pieces to mark

X at where there art to be a
capital letter and where there
art to be a comma or period
pies to mark each place I
know you may may say
there is lots of men in Harts
field that could do that for
you yes there is I know but
at the same time God has
not give them the darkness-
ledge to see in things deep below
the surface like he has you
he has only let them see a
little of the surface and
that not very good that is
the reason that I want you
to have a full chance to
improve on what I have
written if you chose to
do so take some time
to do some thinking on
each piece and ask God
on your knees in prair to
help you to improve each
piece just as he wants you
to or as he wants it
I have a lot more pieces
which I have wrote and I
want you to see them all
in the rucher but I thought
it would not be best to send
more than three this time for
they may not reach you becuse
I may not have the wind ad
but I hope that I have and
that this letter may reach you
all safe and I hope to here
from you soon and then I
will send you the rest of
those pieces which I have wrote
I want you to read them anyway
even if they do not amount to a
row of pins you just keep
them there till I send the

rest and if they amount to
any thing please to fix them
by inclosing on each one I
am agreeing to pay you for
your trouble and when I send
the rest of them I will send
some money with them and
I hope that you may find
something in them that will
give you some greater thought
of the Creator than you have ever
had yet and after you have
rewritten them all off on other
paper I want you to send those
all back that I wrote with them
that you wrote and I will pay
the postage to so all that it will
cost is the reading of them pleas
to take time to write a plain hand
write so I can read them John Smith.

Speers, Ellen D. Chattanooga Tenn.

Mr Robert E. Speer
156 – Fifth Ave N.Y.

Dear Mr. Speer –

About three years ago you delivered an address before the Y. M. C. A. at Waynesboro Pa. Carlisle from the text "Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith" in which the game of foot-ball was used as illustration

I heard it described at the time by one who was present and thought I would like to have copies of it and having cherished it in memory I wrote the other day to the 'Record' but as it was not delivered at Northfield they said that you would be the one most likely to be able to tell me where I could obtain one copy

or ~~Cop~~ as many as I would desire.

We have a large number of young people in Chattanooga in need of some one who can teach that Christ is expression not repression. Would it be possible for you to come to us some time this season - And what time could you give?

I would like to know this as a matter of personal information as it might be if you could come, the invitation would be extended to you from official headquarters.

Very Sincerely yours
in His Service
Mrs Ellen D. Spears
410 Georgia Ave
Chattanooga
Tenn.

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Dear Mr. Speer,

Perhaps you will hardly remember me, but you may find my photograph along with others which we exchanged with others in Jan.1900 in London by those of us who lived together in the Hotel Victoria during the Conference of the S.V.M.U. I am also connected by a good many marriages with your friends the Jacksons.

I believe that you will have recieved an invitation to take charge of the devotional meetings of the forthcoming Conference of the Y.P.M.M. of the Free Churches of Great Britian. This invitation was decided upon with great satisfaction by the Committee for field work of which I am Chairman. I write to add my ntreaty to that of our secretary to win from you if possible an affirmative answer.

You know the Movement and its possibilities and I need only add one or two special considerations which make it important for us to gain your help at the present time.

The first of these is that it is extremely difficult for us to find a

to find a speaker who is regarded with enthuiasm by all the different denominations and the different temperaments with which in these denominations we have to work. In fact we dispaired of success untill your name was proposed.

A second reason which makes it of importnce to us that you should come is this; our movement has not yet taken its proper place in the esteem of the older leaders of our Missionary Societies as a whole. It is quite time that it did so. Moreover, the year of the World Mossionary Conference may very well be the year in which our Movement along with many other is weighed in the balance and adjudged. If we have your support in this most important item in our years programme, it would do much to secure us the verdict we want.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm Spencer

Stearns, Alfred E.

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ANDOVER, MASS.

ALFRED E. STEARNS,
PRINCIPAL

Home Camp
2d. Conn. Lake
N. H.
July 21. 1908.

My dear "Rob",

May I retaliate in kind. I appreciate more deeply than I can tell you the spirit of friendliness so evident in your good letter from the opening greeting to the end. Your wish that our relations may become less formal and more intimate and genuine is most heartily seconded at this end. It would mean much to me to have this so, and I shall need no further encouragement to do my share to bring about such a happy result. May the coming trip be realized and then the beginning of a closer and helpful friendship increasing in value as the years go on.

Curiously enough your letter was handed me by our faithful mail carrier as I was on my way with Hackfeld to Second Lake and East Inlet. Next morning later we were tucking our boat through

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The thick alders of the inlet scarcely a mile from the foot of old Camels Hump watching the cloud shadows creep up and over that splendid guardian of the wilderness and hiding the wilderness life with the wood folk about us. Ralph, of the Mill, and Stackpole have been visiting me this past week. Ralph left Friday and Stackpole goes down today. We put in our night hour on the Middle Branch of the Raimond but too far up to get any good scenery, and the few fish we caught were sunfishings.

Now as to our proposed trip. I have never been over in the region through which we would probably go. My brother has, but he is not well then this summer. It is possible that I can get him to come up for a week and join us. Dr. Turner a recent Amherst graduate, and for several years a member of Art Camp company, has made the trip over the Hump to Tom Mansfield's

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is down out here from Third Lake tonight and I shall take the first opportunity to "hunt" him. Perhaps it will do me good to ask him to join us. He's a good woodsman and would make a good companion, I think. Unfortunately, except for occasional short fishing trips, I haven't done much tramping in the Dixmont region. Most of my wanderings have been in the other direction near the Canadian line.

I think it would be best to start in from here and Second Lake, either by way of the East Inlet or the old Pamunkamunk (spelling) trail. Turner can furnish wise judgment on that score and I'll write again after I have seen him. I don't know how near you am to West Stewartstown but probably you will find it easier to take the train from Colebrook either to W. Stewartstown or Beecher Falls, [illegible] either one, and drive from there. If you go to the Inlet

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Place take the cars to the Canaan House, just over the river, and Mr. Buck the proprietor will furnish conveyance. If the latter, the conveyance can be secured at the Riverside Hotel. The drive to our place takes about three or three and a half hours. Plan to put in at least a night here so that we shall have ample time to lay out our route and get together the materials for our packs.

The date you have suggested will require some fighting on my part but I think I can arrange to meet it if an earlier one doesn't suit you. Bancroft and I divide the summer work at Andover. I have been away during July and he was to have had August. But I am writing him by this mail to see if he will give me a week in August in exchange for the last week of this month. I know he will do it if other plans don't conflict. If he can't I shall try to secure the services of Hartshorn or

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formerly chaud with me in summers bathing, & that fails I still think I can work out a scheme, though about the middle of August the office work begins to thicken up fully. While I am working on these lines you might let me know whether or not an earlier bath would be possible or acceptable for you. Probably in the end August 10th will prove as practicable for me as would any other bath, but I am anxious to find out as many lines as I can for I don't want to lose this fish, which looks to me about as meaty and gamy as any I have encountered in this region.

Please excuse this prolonged effusion; also its blurry nature, due to overworked blotters and poor Cape Cod ink. Let me know the camp address in case I have to communicate with you there. Mrs Stearns joins me in best wishes and is as eager as I am to welcome you to "Hyannis Caught". Until meeting, yours truly, Alfred E. Stearns

Stearns, A. E.

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ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS
ALFRED E. STEARNS, PRINCIPAL

Home Camp,
First Connecticut Lake, N.H.
July 26, 1908.

My dear Rob,

Your good letter reached me yesterday. I think this answer will reach you before you leave New York. It will be better to stick to August 6th, the original date. A letter from Bancroft in yesterdays mail makes it seem probable that if I can get away at all it will be easier then than earlier. The trip ought not to take more than three or four days, I judge, and I think I can surely find some satisfactory way in which to leave the Andover work for that length of time.

I find that the trips that Turner and Connell have taken several times over the Dump lands them at what is known as Dumpstead when the fishing is said to be great. From there the trail leads down the Magalloway to Parmachenee and beyond. I imagine that it would be a comparatively short cross-cut to get over to the Diamond though I haven't looked it up definitely yet. Our route will take us through the Parmachenee Club's preserve where according to Connell, the eagerness of the Club officials to shield the unwelcome guest lands them to furnish beds, cabins and even provisions at times free gratis. This was the nature of the treatment accorded Connell and Turner on their trips and I hope we may be equally fortunate.

No, I have not read Dr. Lambuth's book on "Friendship". It is good of you to suggest sending it to me but don't go to that trouble for I shall be glad to look it up and get a copy when I go down to Andover the end of this week. Naturally, I shall now take a double interest in reading it.

I shall write you from Andover after my final arrangements are perfected.

Very sincerely yours,

Stearns, A.E.

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ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS
ALFRED E. STEARNS, PRINCIPAL

Aug. 6. 1908.

Dear Rob,

Many, many thanks for the book which I found on my return to Andover. I shall value it all the more highly in view of the donor though you ought not to have sent it. If my profit from it proves as great as my appreciation your investment won't be wasted.

I am rushing hard to get things in shape so that I can leave here for the lake on Saturday. Newton comes Friday to take the tents and must turn it over to me again the following Friday at the latest, that we may be in Rockfield the following day.

Can you arrange so that you can get to "Camp" on Monday, the better. I don't know just how long the trip ought to take but in order to get through in time we may wish to push on as far as Second Lake, Monday night. I take it that we should go prepared to lie out in the open over one or two nights at least. In studying recently a map of northern New Hampshire I get the impression that we must cross at least one ridge from Pamachene or below in order to strike the Diamond waters. I had supposed that these two streams came more together than the map makes out. Do you wish me to have on hand a stock of provisions for the whole party or do you plan to bring some. I can do it perfectly well only I must know by Sunday in order to get in the order for delivery Monday noon. Please drop me a line at the lake address so that I may know what to expect. Hastily but sincerely. C.B.

Stearns, Alfred E.

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ANDOVER, MASS.

ALFRED E. STEARNS,
PRINCIPAL

Aug. 28. 1908.

Dear Rob,

Ever since my return to Andover I have been plunged so deep in work that personal letters have been relegated of necessity to the background. But the memory of that last trip, with its visions of tumbling waters, of rocks and trees, of camp fire and balsam bed will help me over many a rough place during the work of the year ahead. It was a fine trip - for me, anyway, and not for a moment have I begrudged the extra work and evening hours here in Andover that the trip has entailed. And next year it must be the old Cambell's Stump and Pumps Pond beyond.

Please don't think that I have forgotten my indebtedness to the common treasury. I enclose check for the dollars to cover the shares of Mendenhall and myself. I don't know just what we owe, but there were several items at least that are clear - a night's lodging

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and some mighty good meals at Hells Gate, a team from Diamond Pond to Pittsburg, a telephone call or two, and a reasonable share of provisions. You will recall that our contribution to the company's stock was practically nil and that we did not even have the chance to furnish you a meal at the house. Indeed I am not at all sure that the dollars will cover our obligations, but if it doesn't I shall count on you to tell me so frankly. Please understand me when I say that the harmony of the entire trip would be seriously clouded if I felt that Mendenhall and I had not met our full and just share of all the financial obligations involved.

Dave Nimell who owns the camp that sheltered us on our first night out tells me that the distance from his camp to Hells Gate is "about eleven miles". Bodgett, another guide of the lake region, calls it "some ten

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PRINCIPAL

to tender mercies. For once therefore I think Merrill has told something savoring of truth.

I start tonight for the lake to bring my family back to civilization. Memory and anticipation will keep us pretty closely in touch with the loved spot during the year, and we ought to do better work for three weeks of close communion with Nature at her best.

Please remember me to Stone if he is still there; and with kind regards to your wife and very good wish to you both, believe me

Your friend.

A.

I hope to finish "Friendships" on the way up tomorrow. I have had to set it aside for the time being, for reading has been out of the question here. I have thoroughly enjoyed what I have read of it thus far.

A.

Stephens, Thomas E.

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Mr. Speer

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
165 Fifth av.,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

We are sending you herewith the proof of your article for Volume III of "THE FUNDAMENTALS." Will you kindly read very carefully and return to us at your earliest convenience, in order that there may be no delay in going to press. We would like very much to go to press early this coming week.

The writer wishes to congratulate you on the very able article which you have contributed for this number of "THE FUNDAMENTALS." It will do great good.

Very truly yours,

Thos. E. Stephens

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In re _____

November 26 1906

My dear Mr Speer:

Mr Samuel B Capen of Boston has written me at some length concerning the special committee of twenty-five appointed at the conference held in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church November 15th. He has sent some explanatory literature but hardly enough to make it clear as to just what possible use I might be in serving on the committee.

I have to be in New York next week and it will be quite improbable that I can conveniently arrange to go the following week, as I have already made one trip to your attractive state this month. However, I want to be of whatever use I can in the Kingdom and if I ought to do something in connection with this new movement I want to know about it.

If it is not too much trouble, will you please let me know first, does the movement have your unqualified approval; second, do you intend to serve on the committee and third, do you think I could be of any possible service to the new project, and do you believe it justifies my making the additional trip to New York?

Trusting that I have not put you to too much trouble and awaiting an early response, I am,

Very faithfully yours,

Andrew Stevenson

Mr Robert E Speer,
156 Fifth Ave,
New York City.

Stewart, A.C.

October 24,1906.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
C/o The Board of Foreign Missions of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.,
156 Fifth Avenue,New York,P.O.Box #2.

Dear Sir:-

On behalf of the Scottish Rite Masons of this city,I desire if practicable to arrange with you to deliver a series of lectures in the Cathedral in this city,sometime between the 15th of January and the first of February, if that time will suit you. I understand you have a particularly interesting lecture on China,which contains a good many facts not ordinarily reached by general readers, even those who devote some special attention to the subject of China.

I suggest if you are willing to undertake this, you might deliver your first lecture on Tuesday evening,as there would be time enough for you to reach here from New York and deliver a lecture Tuesday night,and then continue the lectures each night thereafter to and including Saturday evening. Of course there will be a demand for you

from churches for Sunday, and if you will allow me to do so, I can make an arrangement for you to address such people as you would like to address Sunday morning and evening, or Sunday afternoon and evening. This would enable you to get back to New York the next Tuesday night.

Of course we would expect to meet your expenses, and such just compensation as you might require for the service. The subjects of your various lectures may be such as you will recommend. I think if they are along the line I have indicated as to what I have learned about your lecture on China, it would be the most practical and do the most good. I have been told you have a series of such lectures.

If at all possible for you to devote the time to this, I think the amount of good you will do will be worth your while, and I think I can safely promise you audiences for each lecture of from twelve to fifteen hundred people, and of a class very well worth your while speaking to.

Sincerely hoping the idea will prove attractive to you, and that you will be able to arrange for it, to our mutual satisfaction and the accomplishment of a great deal of good, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

A. C. Stewart

134 Cumberland ST.
Bangor, Me.

My dear Mr. Speer.

I am more than grateful for the thoughtfulness you have shown me. I have already begun on "The Character of Jesus" and find it indeed a revelation. Although, as yet, I can conceive of Christ's divinity as differing only in degree from that with which we

are blessed, & welcome all new light.

I wish you could realize what a power you were at Northfield. You gave me an insight into another world, and by the books you have put me in touch with, I believe that beautiful world will continue to broaden and intensify. Of them all, however, I most appreciate the ones you wrote for & know their every word rings true. Thanking you again for your helpfulness, I am—

Very truly yours

July 13, 1908. Alfred W. Stone.

Steno, Bessie Parsons

CAMP DIAMOND

COLEBROOK, N. H. Aug 24th 190

Dear Mr. Speer.-

Glad were to very kind write me from Lancaster and I am more than glad if any little sunshine have come to your lonely and weary life. I wish you more all have it now as the air is clear and cool and we have enough wind to freeze.

John has just left us for Montreal where he expects

Spreuen three days longer
returning some time Tuesday.
Now we hopes that you will
find it possible to be here
on the Hell-gate trip.
The little book "Ezekiel" came
safely and Ed thanks you
Mr. Speer very much and
for your good work with it.
Shall prize it always.
You have doubtless heard the
camp news but in case
you have not I will say
that Dr. Seabrooke may have
a visit the night-time. For

Mrs. Langdon had had an attack which caused her to need Dr. Seaver's care and she left for Colebrook last Monday at four where she rested & took the Eudylinum. Mary writes Miss Stone was far in Pittsburg with her and she saw Mr. Langdon on the train to Louisville.

Please pray for Rev. Mr. Spear that God may give her strength and prepare her for anything in any hand. He views came Saturday morning and in the afternoon Mr. Dabare

stepped through the footplank and bruised her leg very badly. She was wedged in so tight that it took a good deal of strength & cutting the board and she was in great pain. Dr. Leahy feared she had injured the bone but finally came to the conclusion that it was only dented and horribly bruised. Yesterday from the first day she has been very better. Could not sleep for the pain at nights and it is

and for her Dogs on Crutches.
Monday was such a happy
day for me. Melissa John
and he is looking so well
and weighs two hundred
which he will have to reduce
he says as soon as he can.
He spoke of the pleasure your
letter gave him. Mrs. Lavance
is in the big room of Balsam
Lodge and Mr. & Mrs. Haley
in the fire place room — Mrs.
Morris wrote she was coming
on the 19th so the cabin and
I'm in readiness. But the

lady has not yet appeared
Karl's birthday is Dec on
Sunday so as John with may
then we celebrated yesterday.
It is Dec Twenty-three of me
Down to the East Branch of the
Swift Diamond and there we
had dinner and Mr. Eachman
and John built a lovely
(lean-to)? and we enjoyed
the balsam bottom Best-
ow. Leonard & Karl & Pandee
Ch. & in fact all the small
boys - Mae, Helen, Hannah
& Elizabeth Stone, Olivia Stone,

and for her. I go on Wednesday.
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and her cousin Miss Magard
from Dennard. The two
the popular girls, Lillie and
myself Mr. Dennard &
Mr. Pitch, Mr. Griffith
Harry. Mr. Grant also.
The fish were demanded
for tiffin but enjoyed
eating what were here
and worked a fine dinner
by the side of the brook. Dennard
caught a good big fish
which was the largest one
and he was a happy boy

staying at home & his mother.

Wouldn't it have been lovely to have had you and Elliot along! We all missed you and spoke of you both so many times.

The moon has been so beautiful of late and quite a number came on the cabin second night. Miss Margaret has the most superb voice that is united to the open air. She fills the valley literally and is so sweet in singing when Blue friends. Mr.

and Mrs. Griffith who are
friends of the Erdmans
are charming additions
to Camp. Please forgive
this long ramble and
give my love to Mr.
Owen and the children.
I'm more so happy with
their postals and Elizabeth
& Margaret and their love. Mama
was very much pleased with
the postal also. After returning
last Fri. Karl had a very short
and nice party in the Academy
Hall which was over at Eight
again thanking you Darling Sweet
Bessie Parsons Clare

There is a good family
Gone at Spec.
I know all the camps hold very dear
And when they are gone
It will all be forlorn
But I hope they'll come back
Here next year

I am not sure I know the
Rest of this but I think it
Was somewhat of a composite.

(Stone) John

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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

Dear Rob:-

I have received an unsolicited letter from W. R. Brown as follows:

"We understand you desire to lease our Hell Gate Camps for the coming season, and will be pleased to let you have them on the same terms we did Mr. Sweatt. Kindly advise if you wish to take them, and oblige".

I have replied as follows:-

"If you will hold that matter open for a month, I will see if we cannot arrange with two or three interested parties. Is the rate $50 per year, and will there be the option of re-leasing from year to year if we so desire?"

I think the annual rental is $50. Now this has occurred to me, if five or six of us want to put in $8 or $10 apiece on that matter, it will mean that nobody else will get in there and make a sporting camp out of that spot. Of course, we may not want to use it at all. Personally I would rather camp in the open. At the same time, if we should want to go in there two or three times during the summer we could arrange

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to have someone go in and get things in readiness for us. On the other hand, if we do nothing about it now it may be rented as a sporting camp and will mean that that whole territory will be increasingly fished. I am willing to risk $10 on it simply for the option of talking the thing over a little more at length for another summer. I am writing a similar letter to Mr. Grant, Mr. Coleman, Dr. Erdman, Mr. Ibbotson, also to George and Holmes Forsyth here. If three, four or five wanted to go into the thing it wont be to risk very much money, and I am willing to pay my share in the thing just to hold on to it anotheryear and keep that territory free from the sporting element. If it seemed best in the summer to send a man like Sweatt or Deacon in there for a week's work before we wanted to go in, they could really get the camp into such shape as to make things livable. I am also writing to Sweatt to see what he thinks about its condition.

I do not know where Brown got my name, unless Deacon or Sweatt gave it to him.

Cordially,

A.

(Stone) John

THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
COR. RUSH AND SUPERIOR STREETS,
CHICAGO.

February 6, 1911.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

Dear Rob:-

That letter was absolutely straight as to Camp, and from W. R. Brown himself. Apparently they follow up the rentals of those Camps pretty carefully. I have written to him asking if the lease gives the renewal privilege from year to year, and also asking if it excludes other sporting camps in that section. I expect to hear from them within a week. Horace Coleman, Ed.Ibbotson, as well as yourself, will go in on it, so it won't cost us but $10 apiece, and it is a good risk after all, for it really means reserved privileges in that section.

and Grant

We had a good day yesterday. Eighty-five came into the Church, some men of real strength and character.

I guess the Ads. must have been too much for the paper, as we have discontinued it for the present, owing to a little difficulty with members of the firm who printed the magazine. It is a syndicate affair out here. They handle all the Ads. and all the arrangements, the local Church simply arranging the local material. I am going to give the Session a good laugh on the strength of your "Cold-Storage" joke!

With love from us all,

Affectionately,

John

Stone, John Timothy

THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
COR. RUSH AND SUPERIOR STREETS,
CHICAGO.

February 24th, 1911.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My Dear Rob:-

I agree with you as to Hell Gate Camp. When I go over there I am going to sleep in the open. No Small-Pox for yours truly. I like your idea as to spots coming out on them because they caught trout illegally. I am glad Adam and myself did not get the Small-Pox when we caught that 6" lake trout on the same basis.

We have launched the Building scheme here and things are looking promising. Thomas D. Jones has agreed to take the Chairmanship of the Building Committee. You know what that means, when he put the University Club through?

With love to all.

Affectionately,

John Timothy Stone

We have $392,000, already in [illegible] $600,000 yet

Strong, Cora

1212 E. Third St.,
Duluth, Minn.,
Apr. 2, 1905.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
1556 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

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My dear Mr. Speer:

In the multitude of your ministries, you have doubtless forgotten the Cornell student whom your searching questions sent home ashamed from the Toronto Convention, to begin a new study of the Godhead and to whom you said "He is Jesus Christ Jesus". She has not forgotten, however, and she is daring to write you again on the strength of your gracious permission" to write some time again and let me know at any time if I can be of any help to you." She recognizes fully that she has no claim on your kindness, and she hopes that you

will pay no heed to the letter if time or inclination is lacking for its consideration.

In June 1903, I completed my undergraduate work at Cornell and in September of the same year, I came to Duluth in charge of the Mathematics department of the Non-State Normal School located in the city. I suppose an outsider would call my work moderately successful; certainly the president has shown his appreciation by recommending an increase in my salary this year and by promising a similar recommendation for next year — in both cases, entirely without solicitation on my part. And yet I know that my work is, from the higher standpoint, a failure — and what is worse, that I am more or less a failure myself and that my work seems to be dragging me away from Christ and making

Him even less real and powerful in my life than He was. — If you will pardon great freedom of speech, I should like to tell you a little about the matter and get your counsel. There is no one here who can help me. and my Mother is too frail to allow me to write her perplexities with an eye to her.

My teaching is reasonable in amount and pleasant, tho' my pupils are, as a rule, immature and little interested. Part for the teaching, there are various other duties connected with the school — for the morning to fill one for, say, to girl in church, school entertainment, to attend and chaperon (I am class-counsellor for the Freshmen.) Then I am doing "co-operative housekeeping" with several of the other teachers, partly because it is almost impossible to get a pleasant home here in any other way, partly because the plan saves money which I need much. This work means a good deal of time every day, (as we have no assistant) and a good deal of planning. This Winter, I belonged to an outside Bible Class for, and the paper I prepared for it

highest pitch.

? —, So far as the spiritual life is concerned, there seem to be the results of my work:

1. Usually, I don't have time for more than a verse or two in the morning - And by the time I have reached thro' the day. I am often so tired that Bible study seems out of the question. On Saturday and Sunday, I try to study, but even then weariness often interferes. Do you think it is wrong for me not to study more?

2. Somehow I feel inclined (and I suppose the tendency has grown by being yielded to) to get my work done, my papers corrected, my meals planned, first and then turn to prayer and Bible study. This means that Christ is apart from my ordinary life - that I am trying to live it alone and then turn to Him as a sort of luxury.

3. I never knew much about prayer, but I used to have other things in mind than merely the day's struggle. Now I find myself crying Christ for grace to get through the day fresh.

4. I have lost somewhere my appetite for Bible study. This is due, in part, to weariness, but

not wholly.

5. I am not helping my girls as I ought to - as I want to - because I am not in tune with Christ. Instead of being free in heart to sympathize with them, I am often burdened; instead of loving them as He would do, I am sometimes irritable and often act from a sense of duty only. And I am frightened to find myself growing "set in my ways" - I am afraid the unlovely "old-maid school ma'am" of the story books is realizing herself. And yet I do care for my work and want to help my girls.

6. I am feeling discouraged for the future. I once thought it possible that if the way ever opened and I should look grown to meet the qualification, I might have the honor of teaching in a country where I was really needed. Now, I feel that if I can't keep a grip on Christ in doing perfectly reasonable work at home, I could never hope to undertake any more difficult task.

Of course, I know that when I am really rested, I shall feel more hopeful. But I know, too, that there is something

radically wrong, and I want to find out which it is and how to meet it. I know activity and spirituality were not hostile in Christ's life - and there must be some way to join them in mine. I know that you have learned a great many of His lessons, and if you can sink your mind to the level of my weaker understanding, and graciously try, perhaps you can help me to see.

If you will pardon the freedom with which I have written, and consider my letter if you have time to, I shall be very grateful.

Very sincerely yours,
Cora Strong

(Miss) Cora Strong
1212 E. 3rd St.,
Duluth,
Minn.

Strong, Chas
1/20/06

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I can not let you
come so near without ex-
pressing to you, dear Mr.
Speer, and through you, to
Mrs. Speer, my continued
sense of your goodness to
a stranger who had no
claim on you save that
of need. Perhaps you have

leaving this little note. If you have time for many things think of, dear, dear Mrs. Spencer for **her**.—

I am here on leave for one this year, hoping that some time or other in Algiers which he is revising. While I am there quite encouraged, especially as I am not well, I am very anxiously desirous in my vocation—

forgotten the help you gave
a perplexed young woman in
Toronto and the day I let
Mam Christ know which you
sent her and the letter and
the tablets sent in memoriam
an encouraging chorus I am
in Minnesota. But she remem-
bers all so gratefully and
feeling that she never bor-
rows by her or thankfulness
has been her reward therein in
reserve) then can not help

niece Dr. and Mrs Fanner who are "the very salt of the earth" and who by their simple truefulness and tenderness and cheer enable to keep some sweetness and childlike faith as mine into the spirit which makes the members of his kingdom. Your kindness helps me to think God and take courage.

Yours strongly.

The Knoll.
Corner Heights
Nov. 24 - '05.

Please do not bother to acknowledge this at all. I know how busy you are now.

Strong, Frank

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS,
LAWRENCE.

OFFICE OF
THE CHANCELLOR.

Oct 11/07

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My dear Mr. Speer:

I want to thank you for your excellent talk to our students yesterday. It was most acceptable & was received with open hearts. It is our experience that no talk so appeals to students as a religious talk, provided it comes from the heart & with convicting power.

I regret that I can do no
less, but a meeting of
the State Board of Education
calls me away.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Strong

Mr. Robert E. Speer.

Strong, John H.
11-16-16

187 Westminster Road.

Dear Robert:

Your letter in the time of our recent loss, and that of your wife to Mrs. Strong, brought comfort to us, and have left fragrant memories behind.

How strange that in the same year you and I should be treading the same path! I was far from expecting it when the news of your loss came. And yet, with its strangeness, how natural, and I doubt not how

387 Westminster Road.

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right, to take our places among the great multitude who suffer, and march the path to better things. It seems little more than taking on the shoulders a share, or its beginning, of the load of affliction which rests on the heart of humanity for reasons known to God.

I suppose neither you nor I can know the sorrow of a mother's heart. Yet Mr. Strong is doing nobly. He has been wonderfully sustained, so much so that at times I have almost

accused by reason of insensibility. How near is God's help, and how intimate must be the agreement of his Spirit & ours that his strength can become our own. Mrs Speer gave us a deep thought also to ponder when she said, "If we lived near unto Him, they cannot be far away." We thank her.

I care very much, my dear Robert, on your friendship, your fellowship in work and oneness of aim. How I wish we could meet together.

and could have also the fellowship of prayer, though that is not wholly lacking, so continually is your work before me. One of our students told me later that he had hopes of getting you here at some time during the year to appeal to men for missions. I very much hope that that may prove possible, as it certainly would fruitful. We have a real missionary spirit here, but are far from having attained.

Apropos of this subject, it has

put on me to speak at an Baptist Congress in St. Louis in November on — "What Changes are needed in the motive and method of foreign Missions?" I wish I might have a hint of your thought on the matter. Questions of method I hardly dare venture into; but as to appeal, I believe that it must rest more than it commonly does on the ground where Jesus put it, and where he would have it rest, — "Lovest thou me?"

We have no authority over an enlarging Christianity, and want none; but love responds to love, and there is love where we little think it. I have as yet made no preparation, but should like to speak a true word.

If you can come to us, and can stay one night, you know where you are to stay. May I send warm regards to Mrs Spurr.

Dr Wordsworth is now professor at Oxford

us. She speaks of you. I greatly enjoy them. She is going to help here.

With sincere love, believe me, my dear Robert,

Ever yours,

Martha H. Strong

Oct. 16, 1906

Strong, William
n.d.

287 WESTMINSTER ROAD

Dear Mr. Speer

Thank you for the stamps you sent me. I have got quite a good many that I didn't have. I have almost 400 varieties now.

We are at Christmas time now. We are going from not to see. There's a beach near our house where we go in bathing.

I wish we could go to camp next summer. I hope

I can see Eliot again
soon.

Thanking you again
I am
Yours sincerely

William Strong

my fancy signature

Monday - March 26th, 1900 -

Stuart, Emma Carrington

(Mrs. Robert S -)

TELEGRAMME
CONTINENTHOTEL
TELEPHON No. 9111

GRAND HOTEL
CONTINENTAL
MÜNCHEN

Dear Mr. Spear -

Again I am coming to you for aid - Two years ago last October, I secured through you the services of Mr Grant Stanley, who could only remain with me a limited time, on account of a previous engagement at the Methodist Episcopal Hospital in Brooklyn - At present, with a companion for my boy, Chas

M. E. Tribune Bldg

that I am afraid the place is not an easy one to fill - Of course, he must be a strong Christian character, who reverences the Sabbath & endeavors in all things to lead a proper & consistent life - abstaining from tobacco, with polished refinement - a man that you would choose to guide & lead an unstable & wavering mind - one with life & animation enough to interest a boy of eighteen - who will be patient, amiable & tactful - I am willing to pay a good price for the right man - but no one who asks for the wage alone, will be successful in his work - he must be actuated by higher motives - His aim must be to save souls for the kingdom of Christ —

We have been taking a Mediterranean cruise our expectation is to sail from Liverpool on the "Saxonia" April 10th - reaching New York, if all goes well, on April 17th - Would you kindly have a note at "Prince George Hotel" East 23rd street & let me know what the prospects are?

Sincerely yours -

Emma Sarradine Stuart -

(Mrs Robert Stuart - of Saint Louis)

Mr Willabough, a man about thirty five years of age, who had been strongly recommended to me by some friends - I am thoroughly convinced that he is not the man for the place & with this conviction, I feel forced for the best interests of my son to make a change - If you could speak to Dr O. L. Burrell of the Fifth Avenue Marble Collegiate Church, by Telephone, he could help you in your selection of a man - for I believe that he knows just about what I want - So many things are essential -

Prof. Theodore Mc. 1900.
Stuart, Emma Caroline

4368 Lindell Boulevard.
St. Louis.

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Dear Dr. Spencer

I was exceedingly
sorry not to have seen
you in Washington. The
afternoon that I called you
had gone to Baltimore.
I am still trying for
that "standard work", to
act as tutor & companion
for my son — the matter
I wrote to Professor Thomas

The man who is waiting with me
until I can fill the place, would
be quite willing to stay — but as I said
before, my son has received from
him all the benefit that he can get
out of him — He is a man of a very
strong influence & a fine personality
but the man young or old, must
be a strong character — whose effects are
always on the side of right. I hope
it will not be a dilemma — can
you help me? What has become
of Mr Th. Beecher? I remember once
you spoke most favorably of one
of them — I would like to find a most
impressive man — I am willing to pay a
good price to the right man —
Please let me hear from you at
your earliest convenience —

Very sincerely yours
Emma Paschine Street —

at Princeton in regard to
the Mr Barnes, that he wrote
to you about - but as we
have received no reply -
My time is growing short
I will have to leave on Thursday
for home for Christmas, & had
hoped to have come on in
the house by this time, so
that I might decide in
many ways, such whether
he should be a proper person
for me to take on this trip.

Wednesday - August the 15th 1906 -

Stuart, Emma C.

Dear Mr Speer -

I am still in need of that "rare & exceptional man" for my son. I begin to wonder where all the good men are hidden away & why they are so scarce - Mr Mottet is a sweet, gentle, tender-hearted young fellow, a Christian in heart & principle - but, (absolutely between ourselves) with no leading power, no personal magnetism - no experience & no suggestion - He is

interest are concerned has been a mistake & I am afraid it will prove to be a blunder. I wonder if you know of any more suitable men to undertake the work in Flanders

October - will sail from Liverpool on the "Caronia", September 25th. I will go directly to the Prince George Hotel, East 28th Street & will remain there two days - hoping to see you & trusting that by that time, you will have found the right man for me to take on to Saint Louis. I am afraid that you are tired hearing me enumerate my requirements - an earnest Christian man - with firm principles for right in every way - no smoking, no drinking - a man of refinement, culture & intelligence - a wholesome man, with no eccentricities, whose influence will be up-lifting - he must have a reverence for the Sabbath day - I grieve to say that many Christians are lax in this direction. I want a splendid man - an unusual man - such a person seems hard to find, but do help me if you can. My time for strengthening my son for the future is growing short - he will be twenty next May & at twenty one, he will no longer submit to tutoring - If the man can be found - I am willing to pay a good price for I think that so much depends upon getting just exactly the right person - This summer, as far as my own

perfectly willing to be guided - desires to do right & seems always glad to follow my advice - He is a safe companion for my boy, is no care or worry to me, but is very little help or support to me - His plan in life is to lead a practical, business life - he is thrown upon his own resources for a support & besides taking care of himself, he wants to help send his younger brother to College, which is most commendable in him - Providence permitting, we hope to reach New York on the 2nd or 3rd of

My European address is
"c/o J. S. Morgan & Co - Bankers -
London - England -"

I hope I am not misunderstood in regard to Mr Motter - I esteem him highly - but the truth of the matter is - he is too young & inexperienced for the position - In some respects the position is a hard one & requires an older man, with tact & experience - He must have knowledge & general information,

or he will not be respected or looked up to -
Some College, some where should have the man I am hunting for - if I could only find him - A Professor or an experienced tutor is I think what I need & I do especially desire that he should be a Presbyterian - This letter to you is confidential - please regard it as such & excuse all errors - Sight seeing has about exhausted me - E. E. S -

September the fourteenth 1906 -

I am writing in that case
I fear that I
confirm & fear that I
have but a very
little time to say -
what I want to say -
I hope you
are being successful in
finding the right man for
me - It seems to be extremely
difficult I know - but I have
a conviction that you will be
directed to him - We will sail
on the "Caronia" September 26th
& if the passage is good, will
reach "Prince George Hotel"
October the second - Of course,

as soon as I am settled in London this or three days as
settle & am - hoping

very much the letters that Mr Dumont Clarke Jr, wrote me from Princeton in regard to Mr Trotter & the thought has occurred to me that he might answer - But I have never met the young man - do not know his age, his qualifications - whether he has had experience, or any thing about him, further than my correspondence with him concerning a companion for my son during the summer - the impression he made upon me through his letters was favorable - but I am not seeking now to make experiments - I am aiming to get a man who can influence my son for good in every way. He must be a man of some personal magnetism who can guide & lead another without making it apparent that he is leading - Many things are required - but there should be a number of such men in the world - Several blunders have been made concerning my son - I cannot now afford to make another mistake - He will be 21, in 1908, & while he is under my control, I desire to help him in every way towards a strong & useful manhood - If possible, we will leave New York on the 5th of October for Saint Louis - It may be best that the tutor should follow early the next week -

bad weather would delay us until the third - but that, we are not looking for. I think I mentioned in my last letter, that I would like especially for the man to be a Presbyterian. It is best for a number of reasons that he should be. As I have said before; for a desirable man, I am willing to pay a liberal salary - but the man must be actuated by higher motives in his work, or he will not make a success of the undertaking. I liked

Stuart, Emma C.

Santa Barbara -
April 10th 1907 -

Dear Mr Speer -

Again I am writing to you in regard to that "rare & exceptional man" that I have been vainly searching for since 1903. I know that opportunities come & go, which is the reason that I am troubling you once more in this matter. You had no one on your list the last time that I appealed to you - but this time you may

Robert will be twenty one in 1908 - this is the last year in which he will accept a tutor & companion, so you can appreciate my desire to secure the best man that can be found - We will travel this summer & I am anxious to get the man as soon as possible, so that we may get acquainted before hand. A good salary will be paid to the proper person - Should you know - of no one yourself, would you kindly speak to Dr Knox of the Theological Seminary & see if he has any one that he could recommend. I am ill with nervous prostration - was sent here for recuperation

have. Mr Courtney is a scholar, a polished gentleman, a good tutor & an agreeable person to have in the house. but his usefulness with my boys seems to be at an end & I feel the necessity for making an other change. Robert is not a student, Mr Courtney is too gaudy serious for him — he needs some one with a lighter, sunnier temperament. I think you know my requirements, without repeating them to you. I do earnestly desire a strong Christian character — a person who reverences the Sabbath day, & whose influence will be for <u>right</u>. A Presbyterian, Congregationalist or Methodist — <u>not</u> an Episcopalian —

Writing letters at present is a most difficult task for me -

Sincerely yours -
Emma Gardiner Street -

Care Robert Street -

4303 Lindell Boulevard -
Saint Louis - Missouri -

We hope D.V. to reach Saint Louis on the 26th of this month -

When you reply - please say which would be the best time for my Son to be at Northfield this summer -

Allen Dickerson.
Topeka Kans.

Street Lane
July 15th 11
914 N 5th St.
Ft. Smith Ark.

Mr Robert E. Speer.
My Dear Mr Speer
It was during the Lake Geneva conference 1904 that I decided to become a foreign missionary. It was largely because of your influence. My purpose has grown stronger from that time to this. It is now my one desire to do all that I can for my Master wherever He wants me. I am one of the delegates from

If my College Springfield
Ill. to the woman's
convention at Nashville
recently. One of our
delegates was particularly
enthused by your
personality and address.
Said when she was
selecting one of the essays
to which is given the
one who writes and
delivers the best oration
during Commencement
week. Miss Ruby
Bradshaw '07 chose
to write about you.
Thinking it would
interest you to read
it. I have by her
consent sent it to

To James A. McNeill Whistler

Dear Sir, I have received your letter and have no money for anything past which is owing to me. I want you to come to Paris if you can. I shall be very glad to see you.

Yours truly

Richard Canton Woods

The Man of The Hour.

Hardly had the song "Father, Hear The Children Call" died away at the great Nashville Convention when a man of splendid physique, piercing steel gray eyes, a pleasing earnest face, came forward, and although speaking dispassionately, making few gestures, and hardly reaching more than a moderate tone of voice, with a masterful grasp he held that immense audience of over four thousand students and professors to his subject.

At the age of twenty a great general of the ancient world came to his throne, and at the end of ten years, having conquered all the known world, sighed for more worlds to conquer. At the age of twenty-one another leader with companions equally eager, with no advantage of throne came into prominence & began another conquest. But how different from that of Alexander the Great.

Among those who devote themselves

to promoting commercial, political and philanthropic affairs of how many can it be said as of Robert Elliott Speer, "his field of conquest is the world"? As Secretary of a great Board of Foreign Missions he has penetrated into every country, examined its needs and difficulties and carefully strengthened the forts of his King. Where does he turn for his army of trained soldiers? Naturally to the young men and women of our colleges and universities. What offers so many opportunities for doing lasting service to one's own age and race?

While strengthening an outpost in Persia, Mr. Speer was laid low with fever. Great was the anxiety of every soldier in his army, but in answer to their heartfelt prayers his life was spared, and to this work a movement saved a great and a sagacious general. "If battles like Waterloo have changed the map of the world" said one observer wisely, "no less have the lives of a few marked men changed the world." The spiritual aspect of the

age in which they lived and under God molded the history of the race."

Do you say that such a man might have gained world renown in the commercial or political world? Truly he might. Why then has he chosen this? "To know the need should prompt the deed" said Mary Lyon, and equally to the point are Robert Speer's own words, "I would rather plant one seed of the life of Christ beneath the crust of heathen life than to cover the whole crust with social influences of western civilization." Deeper even than this lay the conviction that "A man cannot accept Christ for himself without incurring the responsibility of giving Christ to his brother."

How many of the citizens of the United States are justly proud of Theodore Roosevelt! Why should we not be as proud of Robert E. Speer, who stands at the head of a movement which means far more than directing the nation's policy.

He has many of the qualities of Roosevelt for both are men of common sense, knowing the right thing to be done and the right word to be said at any given time and any given place. They are each intent upon one purpose, one idea, but how different! One is concerned with the affairs of a nation and its standing among the world powers; the other, a kingdom which shall multiply in the hearts of individuals until it shall conquer these same world powers. They are both men of peace. The one has at heart the peace of his nation with the rest of the world; the other the peace of the world with the great monarch of all. By his wise judgment and strategic movements, Theodore Roosevelt is gaining great resulation for the United States; through the message which he has sent for both time and eternity to nations that sit in darkness, Robert Speer is gaining great glory for the Lord of Hosts.

Truly two great Americans, but which best expresses, which further most the cardinal principles upon which our country was founded? Our very existence as a nation was begun in a righteous desire for liberty, and in all our expansions since we have been teachers of nations. The Revolutionary War was for liberty. The Civil War was for freedom on our own shores. Our last war, resulting in increased territory, originated in no desire for war, but purely in a great and lofty purpose to succor the oppressed. Moreover we are a Christian nation by our inheritance and by the character of our early settlers. Then why shall we not, ~~not~~ under the banner of [illegible] and righteousness and the able leadership of this young general and his associates, free every where those who are the bond servants of sin? An able leader has rightly said, "Let England if she will, be the great commercial power, let France stand for science, Italy for Art, but let us who care so much for individual worth and

personal freedom, supremely stand before all the world as the great missionary power."

Sunderland, L.E.

Mr. Robert E. Speer.

Dear Mr Speer.

I have just finished reading the report of your address "Pressing on toward the Goal." and I want to thank you for thoughts which will help me to go into this Y.M.C.A. and last year of college work with a stronger will and clearer insight into the significance of my manly

your addresses have always helped me greatly and I am looking forward to the time when it will be possible for me to hear you again.

Very sincerely yours

L. E. Sunderland

September twelfth

Middlebury, Vt.

(Middlebury College)

failures.

I want to become a medical missionary and hope that it is God's will. Everything seems to lead in that way except that once in a while some thing happens which makes me think that I am completely unfit — to become one.

Your address will help me to do my utmost to develop the powers God has given me so that I may do what he has planned for me to do.

I heard you first at Northfield three years ago and again at Toronto in 1902 at Missionary convention.

Swift, T. Dean

Lawrenceville School
Lawrenceville, New Jersey
Head Master's Study

April 30, 1909

Mr. Robert E. Speer,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

My dear Mr. Speer:

I understand that your telegram to me was answered by Mr. Raymond. I intended, as usual, to write to you last Thursday in regard to your visit to the school, but Mrs. McPherson assured me that she was writing to you that day.

It is telling you an old story to say that your services at the school were more helpful than ever last Sunday,

judging from the reports of masters and boys, but it is really my duty to tell you about it, inasmuch as you will probably get no other written word from the school. Please accept the enclosed check and our thanks for your help. We all hope that your long trip may be taken in safety and comfort.

Very sincerely yours,

T. Dean Swift